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Four killed in Zagreb

Serb missiles ignite fears of all-out war

By Joel Brand and Eve-Ann Prentice

AT LEAST four people were killed and 120 wounded yesterday when Serb shells brought the threat of war back to the heart of Zagreb.

The barrage shattered a normal working day in the Croatian capital after the country's tanks had recaptured a strategically important town deep in Serb-held territory.

Air raid sirens sounded anew over Zagreb last night, and international leaders expressed alarm at the prospect of a full-scale Balkan war after the Croatian Government offensive. In London, John Major said that Britain and other countries with forces serving under the United Nations flag could pull their troops out of the former Yugoslavia if all-out war broke out.

In the Serb attack yesterday, Zagreb was hit by Orkan rockets equipped with shrapnel-spraying cluster bombs. One landed in a school yard, injuring two children; five explosions shook the city centre, smashing rows of parked cars, blowing out windows and leaving blood-splattered streets; three crashed near the American embassy.

Several other missiles hit surrounding districts, Zagreb airport and nearby towns. The attack on the airport grounded UN planes to Sarajevo, cutting off the Bosnian capital as well.

The assault, believed to have been launched from Serb-held Glina 35 miles south of the capital, came a day after the Croatian army had charged over UN ceasefire lines to recapture a rebel Serb enclave 65 miles east of Zagreb.

UN military officers reported that Croatian troops and tanks had fought their way to Okucani yesterday afternoon, and the Croatian Government announced it had ceased its offensive with the capture of the town.

Robert Hunter, US ambassador to Nato, said there was a real danger war could spread in the Balkans, but he thought UN peacekeepers should stay. "We're clearly at a very difficult and dangerous moment. The risks of a wider war are real," he said, adding that Nato was ready to launch an operation to withdraw UN peacekeepers from Bosnia if required.

Mr Major said that UN troops had limited the scale of the conflict in the former Yugoslavia over the past two years, but a return to hostilities would make their position absolutely untenable. However, Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, said Britain would not withdraw unilaterally. "It is important the UN should act as a single entity," he said.

The 1991 Croatian war killed at least 10,000 people and left about a third of the country in Serb hands. Yesterday, Serb refugees fled the small town of Okucani on foot, by car and by tractor across a bridge and into Serb-held Bosnia as Government MiG warplanes and artillery batteries tried to blow up the bridge.

A statement from President Tudjman's office later said the Croatian Government had achieved its objective and offensive actions had ceased. Government units are believed to have secured a 20-mile segment of motorway and railway tracks which had been under Serb-control since a UN ceasefire took effect in January 1992. The loss of the routes had severely complicated communication between eastern reaches of the country and the central and coastal regions.

"The action by Croatian police and army forces for the reopening of the motorway and the railway through the hitherto occupied area has been completed," the statement said.

Thousands of Croatian troops have been involved in the push, which has brought the most intense fighting in three years to the country and was condemned on Monday by the UN Security Council.

"It is a far cry from full-scale war, but it is a start," one UN official said. "The Serbs are not going to let the Croatians get away with this." Other peacekeepers said they were relatively encouraged that the Croatian Serbs had so far responded with only a fraction of their capability.

Yugoslav leaders, including Serbian President Milosevic, condemned Croatia's attack on the Serb-held enclave and indirectly criticised at the Serbs for bombing Zagreb. "Croatia's aggression represents a criminal act against civilian population and a flagrant attack on comprehensive efforts aimed at establishing peace in the region," a statement quoted by the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said after a meeting of leaders including Mr Milosevic.

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Absolutely celebrating an invitation to the palace

ALAN WELLER

Joanna Lumley leaves Buckingham Palace yesterday after being awarded an OBE. The actress, who plays Patsy in *Absolutely Fabulous*, was asked if she would be celebrating with Bollinger and replied: "Yes, of course"

Church's assets to be halved to pay pensions

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

THE Church of England's assets of £2.4 billion are to be halved to pay the burgeoning clergy pensions bill, church sources disclosed last night.

The cash-starved Church of England is about to suffer another blow to its finances with the disclosure that for the first time it is supporting more pensioners than serving clergy. Annual figures to be published next month will show that the number of pensioned clergy and their dependents, at 10,800, outnumber the 10,700 serving clergy and laity.

Up to £1.3 billion of the £2.4 billion in assets is to be siphoned off into a new pensions fund to meet the record £74 million pensions bill, church sources said. The £1.3 billion is made up of readily traded securities such as shares and gilt-edge bonds.

News of the plans, which will be presented to the General Synod in July, will be another blow to a church membership only just coming to terms with the loss of £800 million from the value of church assets in the 1980s.

The church is to ask for changes in the law so that it will be able to use the capital and not just the income from its historic resources to pay pensions. Although some of the capital will at first be invested, "eventually it will all be spent as part of the ongoing pensions bill," according to a spokesman for the commissioners. Parishes throughout England, already faced with increased demands to help to pay the £156 million clergy wages bill, will be asked to pay thousands of pounds more each into a new pensions fund. The parishes, which now pay nearly half the average annual clergy stipend of £13,500 through the diocesan quota system, will be asked to

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Clarke does U-turn on mortgage protection

By Jill Sherman and Robert Miller

MORE than two million homeowners were reprieved yesterday after the Government was forced into an embarrassing climbdown over its policy to tax mortgage protection insurance.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, surprised his colleagues by announcing that he would bring in new laws to exempt any payments made under these insurance policies from taxation. The legislation, to be introduced this autumn in the Finance Bill, is to be retrospective and could cover payments made more than a decade ago.

The tax demand would have fallen on homeowners who had either lost their jobs or had fallen ill and who then made claims on their mortgage protection policy.

The U-turn, agreed swiftly between Mr Clarke and John Major yesterday morning, was prompted by a report in *The Times* disclosing the present ruling on taxing insurance policy payments. The article made clear that Roger Evans, the Under Secretary for Social Security, had written to mortgage lenders on March 10 confirming that the payments would be taxed.

The report was immediately seized on by Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, who used his morning local election press conference to exploit "John Major's 21st tax rise".

Half an hour later, Jeremy Hanley, the Conservative Party chairman and Stephen Dorrell, the Heritage Secretary, were unable to answer questions about the tax and claimed that no changes were imminent. By then, however, frantic talks were taking place between Treasury and Downing Street officials. At lunchtime Mr Clarke made his announcement.

Clarke: rapid reprieve surprised colleagues

Tony Blair capitalised on the fiasco in the Commons. "Will you confirm," the Labour leader asked, "that at 10am this morning the chairman of the Tory Party said there was no such policy? At 11 o'clock Downing Street said there was a policy but they were reviewing it. At 12.42, the Chancellor issued a statement saying he had now completed the review and was ditching the policy.

"Doesn't that indicate the utterly chaotic shambles that is this Government?"

The Prime Minister insisted that the Chancellor had been "reviewing for some months the tax treatment of mortgage protection policies". He argued that Mr Clarke had decided to "remove the uncertainty" after yesterday's report by making an immediate announcement rather than waiting for the Finance Bill.

Labour challenged Tory MPs to join the vote against the Government over its policy to reduce state help for homeowners who lose their jobs.

Mr Clarke's decision to reverse the tax policy was widely seen as an attempt to prevent the dispute affecting tomorrow's council elections and there was little evidence of any comprehensive review.

Allies march to victory

VE-DAY

As the Second World War nears its end, the Allies rout the enemy in northern Germany. Facsimile, page 10

Warburg on the brink

SG Warburg, once the leading name in London merchant banking, is on the brink of breaking up. It revealed plans to sell its investment banking operations to Swiss Bank Corporation for an estimated £800 million. Warburg has suffered from the defection of key staff and a fall in confidence by its clients since the failed attempt to merge with Morgan Stanley **Page 25**

900 arrested after police dawn raids

Police forces across southern England and Wales launched their biggest offensive against burglars in an operation involving 5,000 officers who made more than 900 arrests. The dawn raids were accompanied, for the first time, by DNA samples being taken from suspects **Page 2**

Surprise £36m TV bid for Channel 5

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

THE battle for the control of Channel 5, Britain's next commercial terrestrial television station, took an unexpected twist yesterday when a group of little-known Canadian, Australian, and Scandinavian broadcasters put in the highest bid, worth £36 million.

UK TV brings together SelecTV, the British production company responsible for *Birds of a Feather* and *Lovejoy*, with CanWest, a Canadian cable television operator, Network Ten of Australia and the Scandinavian Broadcasting System.

Industry observers were surprised by the size of the bid, which was £34 million more than the £2 million application from the favourite, New Century Television, a consortium involving the satellite company BSkyB. One analyst described it as "barking mad".

UK TV's bid was also £14 million more than the next highest applications of £22 million from two separate consortia, involving Richard Branson and the media group Pearson.

The Independent Television Commission, which will award the ten-year licence for Channel 5, is bound by law to give the licence to the highest bidder, provided it meets

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Road from the Isles yields a £200,000 sapphire

The 9.6 carat sapphire found on a road site

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

THE largest gem sapphire found in the British Isles has been discovered on a remote roadside on the Island of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides.

The 9.6 carat green-blue stone, a 1 centimetre cube, was found by Ian Combe and his wife Linda who run a craft shop in Elphin, Sutherland. They had been searching for gemstones on a road development in Loch Roag on Lewis with a group from the Edinburgh Gemmological Group when Mr Combe cracked open a rock handed to him by his wife and found the sapphires which have an combined value of around £200,000.

There was a heavily fractured 242 carat sapphire and a 39.5 carat fragment which was cut by Mr Combe to provide the 9.6 carat barion cushion-cut sapphire. He has cut a number of small gems from the large crystal.

Mr Combe, a former quantity surveyor, said the find was the most exciting of his career. "I've been looking for a number of years with the group and we had a vague idea there might be something in the area. As soon as I saw it I realised it was significant," he said.

Large single crystals of blue sapphire were first discovered in Lewis in 1984 and the area was declared Site of Special Scientific Interest. Brian Jackson of the National Museum of Scotland said: "This is the largest facetted sapphire ever found in Britain. Sapphires are not rare in Scotland, but most of them are not of gem quality or gem size."

Mr Combe said has not decided what to do with his sapphire but it will probably be made into jewellery.

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Young Winston's smile is just the ticket

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

NATIONAL Lottery tickets allow holders the option of electing for "no publicity". Winston Churchill (C, Davyhulme) must have forgotten to tick the box, so one would like to report that the limelight now embarrasses him. But there was no sign of it at Prime Minister's Questions yesterday.

You certainly cannot accuse the young Winston of running away from trouble: there he was, as large as life, below the gangway, *beaming* from ear to ear as Labour MPs berated him, and fellow-Tories cringed. This man is either careless of what people think, or too insensitive to notice.

Paul Flynn, the Labour Member for Newport W, is something of a jester. Yesterday he brandished at the Prime Minister a letter from a constituent, Mr W. D. Might, who had told his MP he would "never again buy a National Lottery ticket". Mr Churchill smiled gently. Flynn went on. He objected to the proceeds of the lottery fund going to the "rich and greedy". Churchill's smile grew even broader.

Sounding less than convinced, John Major tried a defence of the lottery committee's decision. The corners of the Churchill mouth were by now within a whisker of the lobes of the Churchill ears. Then the wind must have changed, for the young Winston's grin froze and remained fixed for the next ten minutes, taking us almost to the end of PM's Questions. Almost, but not quite. Last came a question from Lynne Jones (Lab, Birmingham, Selly Oak): would the Prime Minister agree that Britain's 0.8 per cent economic growth over the last quarter was generated almost entirely by the sale of lottery tickets?

Mr Churchill's teeth now seemed to stretch right across the front of his head, and round the sides, like a zip, unzipped. But Lynne Jones had more. Unless, she said, the National Lottery was "a scheme to enrich Tory MPs," then shouldn't Mr Major "ask the honourable Member for Davyhulme to pay the money back?"

We couldn't actually *hear* the zip unzipping around the back of Mr Churchill's neck, too, but from the breadth of the grin across the visible part of his head there was little doubt that the Churchill cranium had now been entirely detached. Some of his colleagues would question whether that would make any difference, but it is not for us to speculate. Wisely, John Major ignored the more personal part of Dr Jones's question, urged her to "come off it", and concentrated on the British economic performance.

A fluent and rather spirited Prime Ministerial rant about the strength of the UK recovery was marred only when, after an impressive list of the new markets British industry had conquered, Mr Major climaxed with the news that, more and more, our exporters were conquering "markets outside the world". Here, perhaps, his optimism ran ahead even of our own. Mars bars notwithstanding, it was hard to imagine exporters offloading unsold Sinclair C5s on to an eager public in Saturn; Venusians scrambling for the latest rocketshipfull of Ovaltine and Marmite; inflatable Mr Blobbies for sale on Pluto; or the Advanced Passenger Train in service on Uranus.

Nevertheless (and until the PM corrected himself) it was an engaging thought. Your sketchwriter left the Chamber picturing our premier hurtling through Outer Space on the ultimate election-winner: an inter-galactic export-drive, messaging the Moon, leafleting the stars, and faxing the asteroids as he passed.

Major's critics divided on early challenge

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Prime Minister's fiercest critics are to hold consultations over the weekend to decide whether to make any early move against his leadership in the wake of the expected Conservative rout in tomorrow's local elections.

Rumblings over a possible challenge have resurfaced in the run-up to tomorrow's vote; and there are widespread indications that disenchantment runs more deeply than it did a year ago when the Conservatives suffered heavy losses in the European elections.

But John Major's strongest opponents appear to be divided over the wisdom of attempting to force a challenge in the immediate aftermath of the elections, even though they believe a substantial number of Tory MPs would like to see a change.

A senior strategist on the Tory right said yesterday that it was now certain that there would be a "stalking-horse" challenge to Mr Major in the autumn at the usual time for the re-election of the leader.

But he believed that the indications from Sir Marcus Fox, the 1922 Committee chairman, that he would refuse to countenance any possibility of bringing forward a contest to clear the air, and Mr Major's almost certain refusal to go along with such a move, would discourage many MPs from putting their names to a "round robin" over the next few days in the knowledge that it would inevitably be leaked.

Other ministers and MPs, however, have indicated that they believe the disillusionment will be so strong after the elections that many MPs will attempt to seek the backing of their constituency associations to support a challenge against Mr Major.

Mr Major and Cabinet heavyweights are prepared to come out fighting on Friday and over the weekend against any suggestions that he should be toppled. The leading right and left-wingers in the Cabinet are preparing to issue strong statements of support for the Prime Minister's leadership.

Tory MPs are braced for a period of unrelenting electoral gloom. With the local elections behind them the next big test will be the parliamentary by-election at Perth and Kinross, which the Government announced yesterday would be held on May 25. The Conservatives seem certain to lose the seat to the Scottish Nationalists, who are runaway favourites, reducing the Government's majority to 11. The contest was caused by the death in February of Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, who had a majority of 2,094 over the SNP at the last general election.

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Fox: against challenge

NEWS IN BRIEF

PM flies to Belfast to reassure Unionists

John Major will try to reassure Unionists on the future of Northern Ireland today in a series of meetings with business and community leaders in the Province. The Prime Minister was due to fly to Belfast last night for his first visit to Northern Ireland since launching the Anglo-Irish framework document in February.

His visit comes after Sinn Fein and the Government agreed to hold their first round of ministerial talks in Belfast next Wednesday. Despite government claims, Martin McGuinness, who will lead the Sinn Fein delegation, said that no agenda had been agreed for the talks. Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, was banned by the Speaker from launching his book, *Free Ireland: Towards a Lasting Peace*, at a conference in Westminster.

Pickets uprooted

Another 18 tree-top motorway protesters were arrested last night as bulldozers cut through the wooded Stanworth valley near Blackburn, Lancashire, in the battle to clear a path for the £80 million M65 extension. Andrew Wilson, the Under-Sheriff of Lancashire, said more than 50 protesters had fought "tooth and nail".

Calves charge

A man whose firm flies calves to the Continent was charged with affray and bailed to appear before Rugby magistrates in June. Chris Barrett-Jolley, 48, of Frankton, Warwickshire, was held by police on Sunday after allegedly firing an air rifle at an animal rights protester. There had been many demonstrations outside his house.

Rent arrears

Local authorities in Scotland are owed over £28 million in rent arrears from council tenants for last year. Five councils have arrears levels of more than ten per cent, according to the first Scottish council performance tables published yesterday by the Accounts Commission, the independent body that audits local authority accounts.

Actor's gun folly

The comedian Rik Mayall, 37, admitted that he had behaved "like a total prat" when he pointed a replica gun at a couple in a London street on March 18. He was given a formal warning and freed by police yesterday. The couple he had confronted had run to two policemen who called for help before arresting Mayall.

Driven to drive

More than two in three households now have cars and almost a quarter have more than one vehicle, according to figures released by the British Road Federation. Three in five people of driving age hold a licence, the average person makes 21 journeys a week and the average household spends £43.23 a week on transport.

Second city first

Birmingham brushed off its image of urban grime yesterday by being named Britain's cleanest city, beating Westminster into second place. The judges of the competition, sponsored by the British Cleaning Council, said: "Even the fountains — often a slimy mess neglected by cleaners but noticed by visitors — were sparkling."

DNA taken from crime suspects in mass dawn raids

BY EDWARD GORMAN

POLICE forces across southern England and Wales launched their biggest offensive against burglars yesterday in an operation involving 5,000 officers who made more than 900 arrests.

The 1,500 dawn raids on homes and vehicles and surveillance on the road and rail network in 22 force areas were accompanied, for the first time, by DNA samples being taken from suspects charged or reported for burglary. These will help to build a national DNA database and will be compared with evidence recovered at the scenes of unsolved burglaries and other offences.

Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, said officers had recovered "everything from firearms to garden gnomes" in the raids from Devon and Cornwall in the west to Norfolk in the east.

Among forces taking part were Wiltshire where 150 officers made 12 arrests and recovered £8,000 worth of suspected stolen goods, Sussex where 189 officers carried out searches at more than 80 addresses and arrested 37 people, and Dorset where 320 officers executed 65 search warrants. Material recovered included large amounts of computer and electronics equipment. Senior officers said they expected a large proportion of the 911 people arrested to be charged, cautioned or released on bail pending further inquiries.

Sir Paul said the aim was to demonstrate to the burglar that he could not escape the law. "The combination of these co-ordinated raids and the use of DNA samples means there is literally no hiding place for the burglar," he told a press conference at New Scotland Yard.

Sir Paul denied that the operation was just a publicity stunt. "What we have the opportunity to do in these co-ordinated raids," he said, "is actually to freeze the action across the whole of southern England and Wales, to see who's committing burglary, who they are working with, what property they have got in their possession and who they are selling it to."

He said the multi-force approach had helped officers to link finds in one part of the coutry with missing property from another. About £75,000 worth of goods stolen from Kent had been recovered in Devon and Cornwall. Several hundred thousand pounds worth of property seized in London had been traced to other parts of the country.

Until last April DNA profiling had been restricted to serious sexual offences and murder. But under the new Criminal Justice Act, it is available for other offences including burglary.

In London the raids came under the auspices of Operation Bumblebee which has helped to reduce residential burglaries by more than 17 per cent between 1993 and 1994.

A new weapon in the three-year campaign unveiled yesterday is the Bumblebee Imaging System (BIS) designed to help police to trace the owners of the thousands of pounds worth of stolen property recovered every year.

Police hope to encourage the public to take photographs of valuable items which, in the event of a burglary, can be handed in for comparison with a new computerised photographic database of stolen property.

Christina Menzies

Parents of murdered girl lobby No 10

BY RICHARD FORD

Christine and John Menzies want an official inquiry

THE parents of a teenage girl murdered on a British military base in Germany met John Major yesterday in their campaign for an official inquiry into the killing.

Staff Sergeant John Menzies and his wife Christine, whose daughter Christina died in June 1993, want an investigation into the policing and prosecution of the case.

A serving British corporal, named in the House of Commons as Darren Fisher, 24, was acquitted at a court martial last year. Mr and Mrs Menzies' Labour MP, George Galloway, told the Commons in March that Corporal Fisher, now believed to be back in Britain, escaped conviction because of bungling by military police and Army prosecutors.

Mr and Mrs Menzies, of Kelvinside, are also seeking radical changes to what they describe as the "discredited" courts martial system. Mrs Menzies said last night: "The court martial was very unsatisfactory. They do not have juries and he was tried by a panel of five Army officers. There were other problems too, and the whole thing seemed very unjust. "We want an inquiry to be carried out by the civil police here or the Ministry of Defence police, or any other agency that the Prime Minister sees fit. The Ministry of Defence has been carrying out an investigation into the inquiry by the Royal Military Police, but we have heard nothing."

John Major promised to investigate the couple's complaints after meeting them for 20 minutes. Mr Galloway said the family left 10 Downing STreet with a "spring in their step" and it was because of Mr Major's attitude.

Church cash cut

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pay a further £2,400 a year, or 18 per cent of the stipend, into a contributory pensions fund.

The pension changes were agreed in draft form on Friday at a meeting of the 43 diocesan boards of finance and will be presented to the General Synod at York in July. They would be phased in over ten years.

According to the draft paper, "the current arrangements for meeting the overall costs of ministry are not sustainable". The paper says that "the base of financial support for the church's ministry must be widened". It sets out "a major change in the financing of clergy pensions which we believe is in the longer-term interest of serving clergy and pensioners".

In annual figures to be published next month, the Church Commissioners, who manage the church's assets, are shown to have maintained their asset base at £2.4 billion, after a rise the previous year from £2.1 billion.

Last year pensions cost £74 million compared with £69 million the year before, while income from stocks, shares and property fell from £148 million to £145 million. The commissioners' spokesman said that the security of existing pensions was not an issue. The new pensions fund would be set up in 1998 at the earliest; its management will be a matter for the archbishops' commission which is examining church organisation.

In the meantime, the latest figures show a big increase in giving by the laity. In 1992, the latest year for which figures are available, direct giving to churches rose by 4 per cent above the rate of inflation. Church members have increased their weekly donations from £2.72 a week to £2.94.

The commissioners' spokesman conceded that some dioceses would be less able than others to meet the increased demands for payments. "What is crucial is that there are transitional provisions which means some dioceses will be sheltered from the impact of having to pay contributions," she said. "We will have to continue to make more income available than we should be doing to help dioceses who cannot contribute. At the moment, the commissioners are over-distributing. They are squeezing too much out of their assets. Gilt-stripping is part of it."

Surprise £36m bid for Channel 5

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quality requirements. The ITC will also need to be satisfied that the licence holder has a satisfactory plan for retuning videos in about four million homes, expected to pick up interference from Channel 5, which will be available in 70 per cent of homes from January 1997.

Katherine Pelly, media analyst at Kleinwort Benson, said she was "surprised" by the size of UK TV's bid given that the experience of the ITV companies was that the companies that bid the highest have had financial problems. "At least the ITV companies have a captive audience, but Channel 5 will have to compete against established broadcasters for both audiences and advertisers. The BSkyB bid is the most realistic."

BSkyB, is 40 per cent owned by News International, parent company of *The Times*, and the European arm of The News Corporation. The chairman and chief executive of News Corp is Rupert Murdoch.

Greg Dyke, who led a rival bid for the licence from Channel 5 Broadcasting, a consortium involving Pearson, owner of the *Financial Times* and Thames Television, described UKTV's bid as 'impossible". He said: "You would never make a return. It is an extremely high bid, we could not have bid that on the basis of our business plan."

Mr Dyke, who is chairman and chief executive of Pearson TV, said it was an "amazing coincidence" that his group had bid exactly the same as Virgin TV with £22,002,000 million. His consortium is in partnership with Lord Hollick's MAI Group, which runs the ITV companies Meridian and Anglia.

Robert Devereux, chairman of Virgin TV, said: "This is clearly an unexpected outcome ... The business plan behind our bid is extremely rigorous and we are totally confident of its detail."

A spokesman for New Century Television insisted that the £2 million bid was serious. "We have to assume that the ITC expects us to carry out all the promises in the application. Given than we have planned in a 'Rolls-Royce' video retuning plan, costing £120 million, and an innovative programme schedule, we believe that £2 million is what the licence is worth."

Michael Grade, chief executive of Channel 4, who warned last week that awarding the licence to a company associated with Mr Murdoch would have "enormous and damaging consequences" for the UK, said he was delighted that the consortium involving BSkyB was the lowest bidder.

UK TV's chairman John Whitney, who is a former chairman of the Independent Broadcasting Authority and of Capital Radio, said: "This is a very determined group of experienced broadcasters and they have worked hard to *perfect their application*."

Graham Allen, the Shadow Minister for Media, said that the wide disparity in the bids confirmed that the system of bidding for the licence was flawed.

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Asda spies gap in net book deal with cut-price le Carré

BY MATHEW HORSMAN

Asda, the supermarket chain, is to sell John le Carré's new book, *Our Game*, for £8.49, half the publisher's list price, at 203 stores across the country from today.

The move is the latest threat to the net book agreement

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Secret files reveal truth about Nazi agent who posed as harmless eccentric

'Dotty Dorothy' supplied secrets to Third Reich

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

DOROTHY O'GRADY convinced the world that she had been the victim of an extraordinary miscarriage of justice when she was jailed in 1940 for espionage. Secret documents in the files of the Crown Prosecution Service have now revealed that she was no innocent Isle of Wight landlady, the "Dotty Dorothy" that she presented, but a dangerous Nazi agent.

Dorothy O'Grady was sentenced in 1940 to hang for her treachery in support of the Third Reich. The sentence was commuted to 15 years, on a legal technicality, and she was released after seven years.

She would tell the countless visitors who came to her guesthouse, Osborne Villas in Sandown, of her story and how she faced the judge as he placed the square of black silk on his head to pronounce the death sentence.

In the 1980s there were newspaper articles about "the spy who never was" and only last year on BBC Radio 4 Maureen Lipman played O'Grady as an eccentric, bored landlady who duped the authorities into believing she was a spy to brighten up her life.

The Crown Prosecution Service files have not yet been released to the Public Record Office at Kew and are still officially the subject of a CPS review. But Barry Field, the Conservative MP for the Isle of Wight, who has campaigned for the release of the secret papers, was granted access to them.

Mr Field said yesterday: "I set out to clear her name but I am staggered by the treachery she sunk to. She could have altered the direction of the war."

The secret files on O'Grady, who died in 1985, reveal not only her acts of treachery but also the alarm she caused in the highest circles.

After O'Grady had lodged an appeal against her death sentence, Sir Edward Tindal Atkinson, then Director of Public Prosecutions, wrote a confidential note to Sir Ernley Blackwell at the Home Office, urging that the death sentence be carried out. Her secret life of espionage was uncovered in 1940 at about the time Hitler was planning to invade Britain, using the Isle of Wight as a bridgehead.

According to the trial records, between August 31 and September 9, 1940, she entered prohibited areas along the coastline, six times cutting communication wires which were linked to searchlights and gun batteries.

Up to now, despite her conviction on five charges, the general belief on the island was that O'Grady was just an unconventional lady who refused to take the war seriously.

In a newspaper interview in 1981, O'Grady said of the two Black Watch soldiers who discovered her in a prohibited area: "I suppose they got the idea I was a spy because I was wearing a little swastika flag on my coat. I had a war map on my wall at home with lots of little flags, Allied and Axis, to mark the battle lines in France. I was always dropping them on the floor and when I bent down to pick one up, another must have caught in my hair.

"I found it there when I was setting out for my walk and stuck it in my lapel for safekeeping. As if spies went around with their national flags pinned to their coats!"

However, on the way to the police station, according to the secret files, she tried to commit suicide taking 20 tablets of ephedrine hydrochloride.

She also had a false identity card in the name of Pamela Arland which she had used in 1918 and 1920 when convicted for forgery and stealing. During an earlier period, while living in London, she had also been convicted for prostitution which was when the authorities believed she was recruited by German intelligence.

The files show that she bribed soldiers with chocolate and cigarettes to get access to prohibited areas and noted down troop numbers, gun emplacements, barbed wire positions and camouflaged areas.

A summons was issued for her to appear in court but she went on the run. When she was caught, pencil sketches were found on her and at her home of fortifications and defence systems. In July 1940 one of the country's first radar stations became operational at Culver Cliff. O'Grady had pinpointed the radar positions on one of her maps with the words, "the most important in the kingdom".

MI5 and Army intelligence officers were then convinced that they had a real spy on their hands. They discovered that she had a secret contact on the mainland but he was never identified. One of the intelligence officers who interrogated her is still alive but his report remains classified.

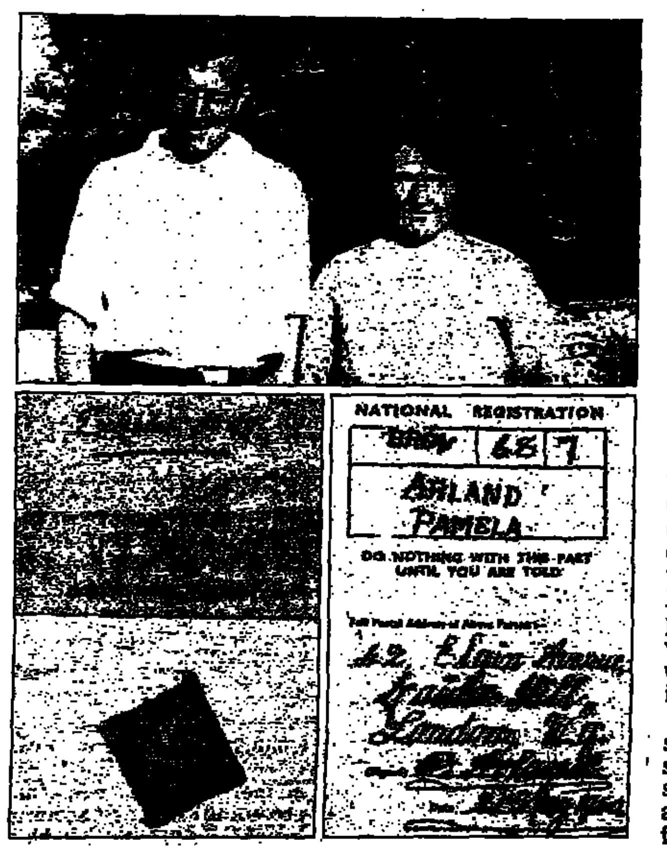
During her prison sentence she befriended a warder and insisted that her loyalties were with the Third Reich.

Mr Field said: "Far from being a simple seaside landlady, she was a highly skilled agent who produced masterpieces of defence systems for the Third Reich. She was lucky to have escaped with her life. She played the double bluff and had clearly been turned by Germany at an early age. She played the double bluff to her grave."

Adrian Searle, an author who has researched O'Grady's life for more than 20 years, said: "I have always had an open mind about her but with this evidence, particularly the detailed maps which were clearly made by somebody trained in intelligence-gathering, the finger firmly points to the conclusion that she was a spy. It is the jigsaw finally put in place after 54 years."

KEN GRIFFITHS

O'Grady, who died in 1985, was thought at the time to have been harmless



O'Grady during the war with an unknown man. Below, the swastika found on her; and her false ID card

Health officials wary of explicit advice to nurses

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Services Correspondent

A TRAINING manual for nurses that invites them to explore their attitudes to practices such as cross-dressing and sado-masochism was labelled "handle with care" by the Health Department at its launch yesterday.

The manual, part of a package published by the Royal College of Nursing, is designed to help community nurses advising young people on sexual matters. But Health Department officials distanced themselves from its "explicit terminology" and said the material should be handled with care and sensitivity.

The training package is aimed at for Britain's 20,000 community nurses, who are seen as the most effective weapon in cutting the high teenage pregnancy rate. About 7,800 girls under 16 get pregnant each year and sexually transmitted diseases are at "unacceptably high levels", the RCN said.

Research has shown that young people fear the judgmental attitude of doctors and find family planning clinics difficult to get to. "The community-based nurse is increasingly being turned to as a sympathetic, understanding and well-informed source of advice," the RCN said.

The training package, called *Progressive Practice*, seeks to help community nurses involved in sex education consider how their own attitudes to sexual matters may affect their work. Prostitution, pornography, homosexuality and wearing rubber are among the topics covered. An RCN spokeswoman said: "This is only a three-page section in a 200-page manual. We have every confidence in our training package.

"The nurses will be asked to look at a list of sexual practices — some of them familiar, some of them less familiar — and say whether they approve of them for themselves or for young people or not at all. It is a way of finding out whether as a group they share common attitudes to sex and sexuality.

"We had a school nurse with fertility problems who was having extreme difficulty counselling young people about abortion. She went on a training course and found it helpful."

Giving the package a lukewarm welcome, Nola Ishmael, a nursing officer at the Department of Health, said advisers had "reservations" about the three-page section. The manual had not gone before ministers and the department had not been consulted on its contents, she said.

There was controversy last year over a teenage sex guide drawn up by the Health Education Authority. The then Health Minister, Dr Brian Mawhinney, ordered the guide to be pulped after describing it as "smutty".

Alison Hadley, spokeswoman for the Brook Advisory Service, which helps young people, said: "Officials are acting as if talking about sex means you are going to run out and do it."

Accused Briton faces beating before death

A BRITON accused of killing a tourist whose dismembered body was found in Singapore harbour was yesterday accused of six more charges, punishable by caning.

John Martin Scripps, 35, faces a mandatory death sentence if found guilty of killing Gerard George Lowe, 32, a South African who had been on holiday in Singapore.

Mr Scripps, who absconded from Britain after being released from jail on parole, is also a suspect in the murders of Canadian tourists Darin Damude and his mother Sheila Damude in Thailand.

He was charged yesterday with possessing a 100,000-volt electrical stun device, a can of Mace, two knives and a hammer. Each charge carries a maximum penalty of three years' jail and a caning of at least six strokes. He was also charged with possession of drugs, handcuffs and thumbcuffs.

Pair admit stealing Salisbury hoard

By Michael Horsnell

TWO men who uncovered a hoard of Iron Age and Bronze Age artefacts in a ploughed field yesterday admitted stealing them from the farmer whose land they were searching.

James Garriock, 42, a part-time gardener, and Terry Rossiter, 47, unemployed, had claimed that they had Reginald Cook's permission to use metal detectors on his land, but they changed their pleas to guilty after hearing the week-long case for the prosecution at Knightsbridge Crown Court in London. The artefacts, known as the Salisbury hoard, are now expected to be handed to the daughter of Mr Cook, who died last year.

Garriock and Rossiter discovered the hoard, consisting mainly of miniature shields, tools, jewellery and ornaments, between January 1 and July 1 1985. They sold some of it shortly afterwards, but 20 Iron Age decorative shields, unwittingly bought as stolen property by Lord McAlpine, the former Conservative Party treasurer, were sold on to the British Museum for £55,000.

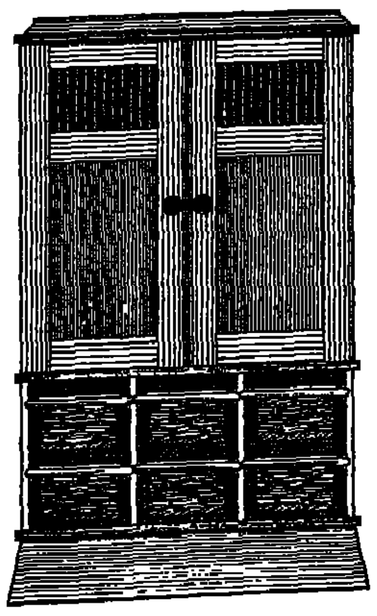
This sparked a five-year investigation into the whereabouts of the rest of the collection by Dr Ian Stead, deputy keeper of the prehistoric Romano-British collection at the museum. In 1993 Garriock, using a false name, contacted him to try to sell the remaining pieces for £20,000.

Dr Stead had hoped to discover the site of the find during negotiations but when he reached a stalemate, he called in police, who arrested the defendants.

Garriock and Rossiter, both from Salisbury, will be sentenced on June 9 after the judge has considered reports. They were released on bail.

A third defendant, John Cummings, a coins and antiques dealer from Grantham, Lincolnshire, was found not guilty of dishonestly receiving stolen Bronze and Iron Age artefacts, and discharged on the direction of Judge Hordern, QC. Mr Cummings, the court was told, bought the hoard from his co-defendants for £10,000 and sold it on.

Dr Stead said the museum would still like to keep possession of the hoard even if it meant buying the shields it purchased from Lord McAlpine a second time.



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Spoonful of dessert killed European banker

By Michael Horsnell

A TOP bank worker who was allergic to nuts died after eating a spoonful of ice-cream containing walnuts at a business lunch, an inquest was told yesterday.

Katrina Farrell-Gisse, a Frenchwoman who worked for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in London, went into a coma after lunching with a director of the bank and died two days later.

The inquest at Southwark was told that she saw a delicious-looking dessert served at the next table and ordered one, but realised it contained nuts after eating just one spoonful. Mme Farrell-Gisse, 37, an adviser to the bank's secretary-general, was not carrying the emergency adrenalin kit she normally kept to combat an attack.

Dr Ian Hill, a pathologist, said death was caused by lack of oxygen to the brain due to a profound allergic reaction to nuts. The coroner, Sir Montague Levine, recorded a verdict of accidental death on Mme Farrell-Gisse, of London.

An allergy to nuts affects about 1 per cent of the population and causes up to five deaths a year. Dr Michael Tettenborn, of the British Society for Allergy and Environmental Medicine, said: "It seems to be becoming increasingly common."

Up to a quarter of lettuces may breach safety levels for fungicides

Fruit and vegetables tainted with chemicals

By Nick Nuttall, environment correspondent

SOME popular fruits and vegetables, including up to a quarter of lettuces, are contaminated with hazardous chemicals that breach government safety limits, official figures have shown.

The findings come in the wake of advice from the Ministry of Agriculture that carrots should be topped and peeled before eating. Government scientists have found pesticide levels in the skins that are up to 25 times higher than rules permit. This may cause severe stomach upsets and other illness.

The long-term effects of pesticides, even at low levels, have been linked with a whole host of health effects including increased risks of cancer, and damage to the reproductive and nervous systems.

Peter Beaumont of the Pesticides Trust, a charity that monitors agricultural chemicals in Britain, said yesterday that topping and peeling would not solve the problem. "Phorate, one of the chemicals detected, is systemic which means that residues can be found through the root," he said.

Angela Browning, the food minister, said: "Regular monitoring of carrots has shown that residues are generally below the permitted maximum. Recent research has, however, shown that levels can vary greatly between individual carrots even from the same row. This can lead to a reduction in the safety margins for consumers that the advisory committee usually considers desirable."

Browning: monitoring

The latest tests, by ministry scientists, show that a third of the fresh fruit and vegetables sold in Britain contain pesticide residues. A small, but significant amount, have concentrations that exceed warning levels or contain chemicals that are now banned for health and environmental reasons.

Alistair Hay, reader in chemical pathology at the University of Leeds, said the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, the independent scientific body that advises the Ministry of Agriculture, had built big safety margins into setting safety limits, known as maximum residue levels. But Dr Hay said: "The fact is if you set a residue limit it should not be exceeded and farmers and growers need to be advised of this."

Mancozeb and Zineb, fungicides found on lettuces, are classed as probable carcinogens by the US Environmental Protection Agency. Another of the chemicals detected is Vinclozolin, which was banned in 1991.

A spokesman for the Department of Health said: "There is no need for anyone to be alarmed about this. The warning applies only to carrots and other vegetables are not affected. We have always advocated eating plenty of fruit and vegetables, and if they are eaten raw they should be washed thoroughly."

Advice is carrots should be washed and peeled

Food grown nature's way carries high premium for shoppers

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Onions	69p (kg)	119p (kg)	+72%
Apples	139p (kg)	209p (kg)	+50%
Pears	119p (kg)	199p (kg)	+67%

Based on prices in Safeway stores

THOSE who want to eat fruit and vegetables untouched by pesticides can buy organically grown produce, but they will pay a high price. Food from organic farms is likely to be 25 to 170 per cent more costly than the conventionally grown variety because of lower yields per acre (Michael Hornsby writes).

There are about 800 registered organic farmers in Britain, cultivating 80,000 acres, which is barely 0.2 per cent of all agricultural acreage. The most optimistic estimates put total annual sales of organic food at about £200 million, of which 70 per cent is imported.

Teresa Wickham, Safeway's director of corporate affairs, estimates that fewer than 2 per cent of customers regularly buy organic produce. "More people would buy organic food if it were cheaper and more widely available," she said.

Patrick Holden, chairman of British Organic Farmers, said that organic growers could produce at a more competitive price if they had more financial help from the Government. "At the moment aid to organic farmers amounts to no more than £1 million, a drop in the ocean of farm subsidy," he said.

The British Nutrition Foundation said there was no clear evidence that organically grown food was safer: "Whatever marginal health advantages organic food may have, they are vastly outweighed by the importance of eating much more fruit and vegetables of all kinds."

Quarter of holiday insurance claims fraudulent

By Harvey Elliott

A QUARTER of all holiday insurance claims are fraudulent, according to the Association of British Insurers. Mark Boleat, director-general of the association, said yesterday that insurance companies were uniting to try to beat "systematic fraud" which was pushing up premiums.

"Most people are not dishonest, but there are a sufficient number who make such outrageous claims that everyone else suffers," he said. "Travel insurance lends itself to fraud and we have discovered that some people make the same claim from three or four insurance companies. They always have the most expensive clothes and video cameras in their luggage which is mysteriously 'lost', for example, and although only 10 per cent of travellers ever make a claim of any kind, a quarter of those are fraudulent." Insurance companies have agreed to exchange information about false claims to catch persistent offenders.

Some of the genuine claims which are made may appear unlikely. The association cited the case of a sunbather who claimed for injuries she sustained on a beach after being hit by a parascender mistiming his landing. One couple wanted a video camera to replace that stolen by Gibraltar apes.

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MEDICAL BRIEFING

Folic acid in flour reduces risk of a disabled baby

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

WATCHING the disabled spinning past the finishing line in the London Marathon or listening to patients with spina bifida discussing their Phd theses gives the wrong impression. Most babies born with spina bifida have other neurological defects which will interfere with their mental and physical development.

For this reason, a neural tube defect such as spina bifida is frequently given as the reason for termination of pregnancy. Since improved ultrasound has enabled diagnoses to be made with greater certainty, the number of babies born with these defects has dropped from 3,000 to 150 a year.

The figures do credit to the skill of the radiologists, but the destruction of the foetus, often in a longed-for pregnancy, is a crude way of achieving this result. The Americans, as far as the better off are concerned, are achieving a similar success rate by marketing two, rather expensive, brands of breakfast cereal which have been strengthened with folic acid.

American women who are planning to have a baby now choose their morning cereals with care. Only a tiny amount of extra folic acid, 0.4mg daily, is needed to remove the risk of spina bifida and similar deformities. The value of folic acid has been recognised for some years but it has not proved possible to persuade British women who are intending to conceive to take a daily tablet — when they know they are pregnant it is already too late. The nervous system is laid down in the first six weeks after fertilisation. Their last period may only be ten days to a fortnight overdue by the time that the die is cast.

Surveys in Leeds, and at Queen Charlotte's, London, have shown that fewer than 10 per cent of British women are, despite publicity, taking extra folic acid before conception. Nicholas Wald, professor of environmental and preventive medicine at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, would like Britain to follow the American lead but also to improve on it. He doesn't think that pricey cereals are the answer but would like to see our flour fortified with folic acid. Flour in Britain is already strengthened, with calcium, iron and some vitamins of the B group.

Professor Wald argues that adding another vitamin, folic acid, to the others, wouldn't be creating a precedent and would make additional folic acid available to everybody.

Prof Wald said: "Some other means of increasing folic acid intake is needed. Flour is the answer."

Large doses of folic acid may make epileptic control more difficult and might confuse the diagnosis in some forms of anaemia but otherwise, in so far as is known, they are free of harmful side-effects.

Man falls to death posing for picture

By A Staff Reporter

A CLIMBER fell to his death while posing for an action picture at the top of Mount Snowdon. Andrew Parry, 21, plunged 300ft after a ledge he was holding on to came away. Friends climbed down to his body, but he was already dead.

Mr Parry, from Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, was with seven friends on a walking weekend. His girlfriend, Ruth Williams, was waiting for him at a base camp when the accident happened.

Boris Worrall, 24, of Walsall, West Midlands, said: "We went over the ridge at Crib Goch and we were taking a breather. I heard one of the girls in the group scream 'Andy'. I turned round and saw him plunging down the side of the mountain. He landed a long way down.

"I ran down with another of the climbers in the party. I got to the body and it was fairly obvious he was dead. At first I hoped he had just been knocked unconscious but when I got close I could see he had major head wounds."

Mr Worrall said that Mr Parry had been posing for a picture when he fell: "He got hold of a ledge and was leaning off the edge when it came away and he fell backwards. It was a one in a million accident. It appears he was messing about as people do and the rock came away."

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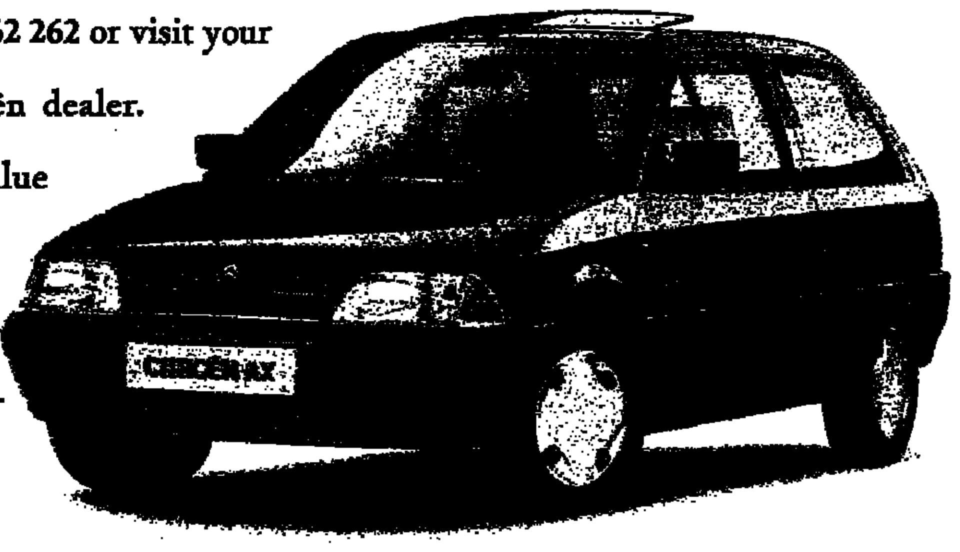

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Familiar names from the world of television seek licence to Britain's final terrestrial station

Four rivals compete for Channel 5 franchise

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

FOUR consortiums submitted bids yesterday for Channel 5, the first new terrestrial station to be launched in Britain since the creation of Channel 4 13 years ago.

SelecTV, one of Britain's independent producers and the makers of *Birds of a Feather*, *Lovejoy and Goodnight Sweetheart* is a member of the consortium called **UKTV**, which put in the highest bid of £36 million.

Alan McKeown, 48, chief executive of SelecTV and husband of the actress Tracey Ullman, said he believed the quality of his consortium's programmes would attract viewers. "There has, in the past few years, been a significant change in viewing habits, a shift from station to programme loyalty. Audiences watch programmes, not channels. I am convinced that our successful brand of popular programming will attract large audiences to Channel 5, as it does for the BBC, ITV and Channel 4."

SelecTV was a founder shareholder of Meridian, the ITV company for the South East of England, and is planning to launch a cable entertainment channel in Britain on June 1. Mr McKeown, whose company owns 20 per cent of UKTV, has teamed up with a group of broadcasters from Canada, Australia, Scandinavia and the Benelux countries. The channel would offer "mass appeal British drama and comedy", a spokeswoman said.

An unexpected contender was Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, whose Really Useful Group has teamed up with a consortium called **New Century Television**, including BSkyB, the satellite television company, 40 per cent owned by News International, parent company of *The Times*. Rupert Murdoch is chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, which owns News International.

The consortium, which delivered its £2 million application to the Independent Television Commission in central London ten minutes before the 12 noon deadline, also includes Granada Group, makers of the ITV soap opera *Coronation Street*, Polygram, the entertainment group responsible for the film *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, the Swedish media company Kinnevik, the American investment company Goldman Sachs, the stockbrokers Hoare Govett and the cable company TCI International.

First through the ITC's door at 8.30am yesterday was a lawyer acting for **Virgin TV**, headed by the entrepreneur Richard Branson, with a bid worth £22,002,000. Robert Devereux, chairman of the Virgin Entertainment Group and of Virgin TV, said that the company had planned to invest £250 million on developing Channel 5, including £100 million on the first year's programmes, which will include 3,000 hours of new shows: "This will not be a channel of repeats. Cheap and cheerful programming will not attract a large audience and, if we don't get audiences we will die," he said.

Programmes planned include *Network*, a mid-morning magazine show based around a computer database, which will allow viewers to interact through e-mail and fax, and a mid-afternoon show *Live at Two*, aimed at women.

Associated Newspapers, publisher of the *Daily Mail*, owns the London-based cable television station. Channel One, which has a 5 per cent holding in Virgin TV. White Rose, an invesment company controlled by Richard Hanwell, chairman of the Yorkshire-based electronics company Farnell, and Viscount Lewisham, holds 15 per cent. HTV, the ITV broadcaster for Wales, owns 20 per cent; Philips, the electronic company, holds 15 per cent; the Electra investment trust has 5 per cent; and Paramount Television 20 per cent.

Greg Dyke, the colourful former head of London Weekend Television, delivered the £22,002,000 bid from **Channel 5 Holdings** — exactly the same amount bid by Virgin — at about 11am with the Labour peer Lord Hollick, whose company MAI controls the Meridian and Anglia ITV companies. As with Virgin TV, Channel 5 Holdings is promising to show the same types of programme at the same time every day.

Its plans include 14 hours of children's programming a week and a "citizen's advice" programme, *Help*, which will form part part of its two-hour mid-afternoon *PM* programme aimed largely at women. Channel 5's hourly news bulletins and peak time extended news programme will be produced in association with ITN.

Drama programmes include a new five-days-a-week soap opera. There will also be new series, such as *Days of Justice*, in which viewers decide the outcome of the plot, and *Jericho Lane*, about trainee police officers.

Mr Dyke is head of Pearson Television, part of the Pearson media group, which owns of the *Financial Times* and the independent television production company Thames Television. Frank Barlow, chief executive of Pearson plc, is Chairman of Channel 5 Broadcasting. Other partners are CLT, which operates television and radio companies throughout Europe, and Warburg, Pincus Ventures, a private American investment group.

The bidders will be told in the autumn who has won the ten-year franchise.

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Logos of the four consortiums bidding for the 10-year franchise to run Channel 5 television

CHRIS HARRIS

Lord Hollick, left, Greg Dyke, Dominic Shorthouse and Donnach O'Driscoll deliver the Channel 5 Holdings bid

Regulator demands high quality programming

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN

CHANNEL 5 will be Britain's third commercial terrestrial station, after Channel 4 and ITV. The Independent Television Commission, which regulates and licences commercial stations, has stipulated that it must be on air by January 1, 1997.

The channel is required by law to show news, current affairs, children's and religious programming of a high quality. The ITC has also recommended that it should include arts, documentary and feature material, drama, education, entertainment and sport. Analysts expect programme costs in the first year to be between £80 and £120 million.

It will not be a dustbin for repeats from other channels. In the first five years of operation at least 40 per cent of programming must be originally produced for the station, excluding shows that go out in the "graveyard" period of between 1am and 6am. After the sixth year, original programming will have to rise to 65 per cent. The channel should initially be available in around 70 per cent, or 16.4 million, of Britain's 22.5 million homes which have televisions. Large parts of Wales, the South East of England, East Anglia, the West country and Scotland will not be able to receive the service, although it is possible that the licence holder could "fill in" by broadcasting the service on cable and satellite.

Most viewers will be able to receive the service through their normal rooftop aerial, although in some areas extra aerials will be needed.

An estimated 4.1 million households are expected to suffer some interference from Channel 5 on their video recorders or to have poor Channel 5 reception. The ITC believes that video recorders more than four years old are most likely to be affected. Licence holders will have to pay an estimated £100 million to have the machines retuned.

The Independent Television Commission will award the licence to the highest bidder, providing it is satisfied with the bidder's business plan and programming and that there are no "exceptional circumstances".

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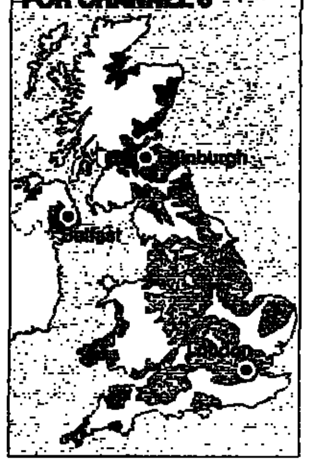

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Health and animal groups outraged by decision to give first grants to projects relieving poverty

Charities demand £57m to compensate for lottery

BY TIM JONES

CHARITIES demanded compensation from the Government yesterday to make up for the estimated £57 million loss they claim they will suffer as a result of the National Lottery.

The call for compensation came as the National Lottery Charities Board announced that its first grant-giving programme of £150 million was designed chiefly to improve the quality of life of the poor. Health care, medical research and animal welfare charities said it meant they would be excluded even from applying for the first grants, which will be announced in October.

Susan Osborne of the Cancer Research Fund said: "We are outraged by this decision which means we have been left out in the cold."

Stuart Etherington, chief executive of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations, said there was an urgent need to review the effects of the lottery on charities "before the adverse impact gets greater". He said: "We are concerned that charities are losing out overall as a consequence of the lottery. Our research shows an estimated net loss of £57 million in the first year and the Government should refund charitable donation income which has been lost as a result of it."

Blatch: facing protest

Mr Etherington said the NCVO, which represented 640 charities and voluntary organisations, welcomed the fact that charities would be able to apply for lottery funds but was concerned some might not be able to get in their applications by the August 1 deadline. The concerns will be put forcibly to Baroness Blatch, a junior Home Office minister, at a meeting next week.

David Sieff, chairman of the Lottery Charities Board, said: "The aim of the first programme is to improve the quality of life of people who are disadvantaged by poverty. We will concentrate on initiatives based in low-income communities. Applications which fall outside the priority cause will only receive a grant in exceptional circumstances during the first period."

The decision to concentrate on poverty was taken after wide consultation and in the hope it would also benefit charities working with children and the disabled. The consultation, which involved 7,943 organisations, showed that animal welfare and missionary or religious activities emerged as low-priority groups. Sylvia Darley of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children said: "I am very concerned we may not qualify for a grant. Cancer does not differentiate between rich and poor. We have 1,200 new cases every year."

A spokesman for the Blue Cross animal welfare organisation said it Christmas appeal, launched only weeks after the start of the lottery, was £18,000 down last year. He said: "For many old people their animals are the reason for living. Since November we have been seeking a meeting with the board's chief executive but have been ignored."

It also emerged yesterday that nearly £5 million in lottery money may have been spent on administrative start-up costs before charities receive a penny. Officials estimate that when the first grants are made in October up to £4.8 million may have been spent on offices, computer systems and staff.

MICHAEL POWELL

Sieff: "We want to improve quality of life for those disadvantaged by poverty"

Camelot 'breeding addicts'

BY RICHARD DUCE

THE National Lottery has become a dangerous addiction to some punters who are being driven into debt by the lure of instant wealth, Gamblers Anonymous warned yesterday.

The group said that scores of people had phoned its counselling service and is calling for posters to be displayed at ticket sale points offering advice to people worried about debt.

A spokesman said: "The typical case is the housewife using her house-keeping to buy tickets and falling short with her bills. We are not against the lottery. We want people to be aware there is a fine line between gambling for fun and something which becomes a compulsion."

A spokesman for Camelot, the National Lottery organiser, said: "We recognise the concern and will continue to monitor the issue but at this stage we don't believe there is a widespread problem."

Gamblers Anonymous can be contacted on 0171 384 3040.

Tory peer's rival scratch card offers £75,000 jackpot

BY JON ASHWORTH

A NEW scratch card game with a top prize of £75,000 goes on sale today, the day after Camelot launched a second instant-win game as an apparent spoiler.

The Scratch-n-Win cards which, like Camelot's game cards, cost £1, will pay 25p in the pound to charity and be sold at up to 50,000 shops, supermarkets and petrol stations. Players choose from four games, one of which, Cash Roulette, offers the chance of winning the maximum prize. The other three have jackpots of £50,000.

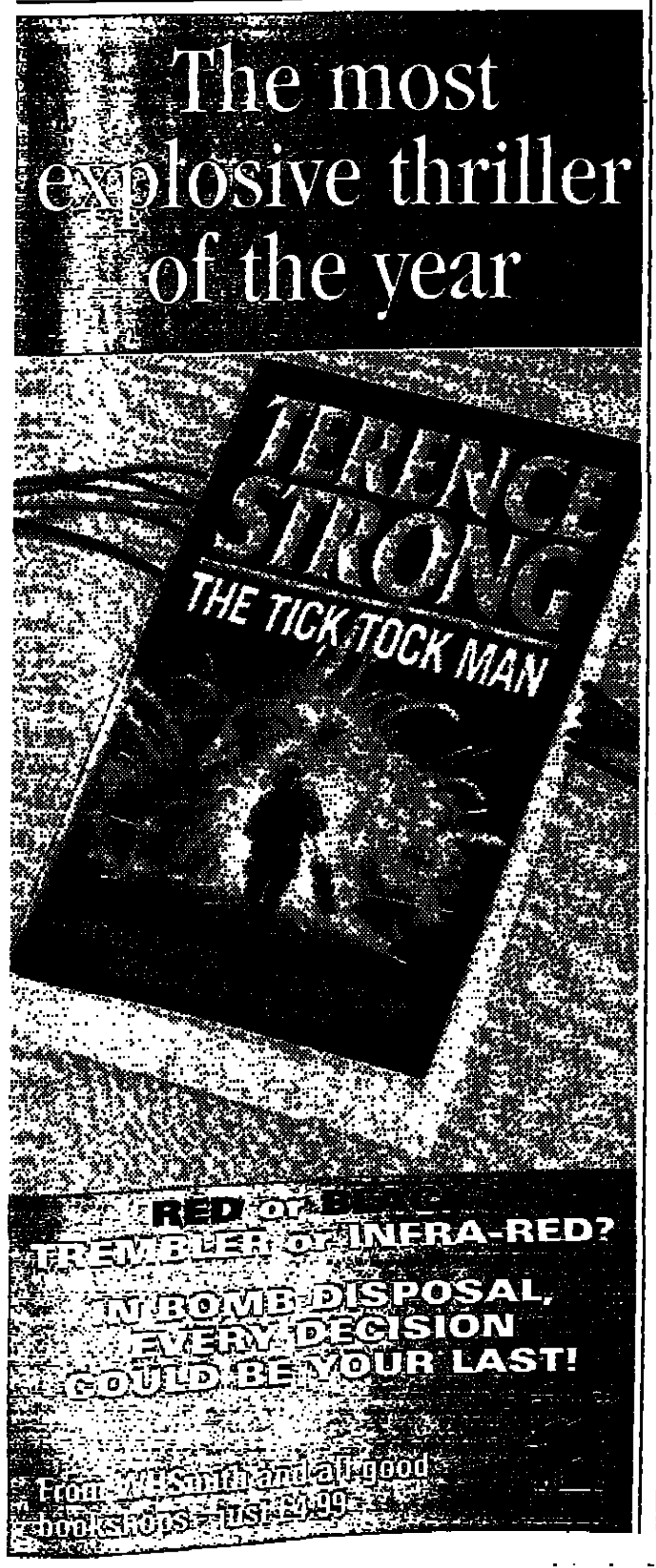
Sales of Camelot's *Instants* have reached £200 million after six weeks, but the National Lottery organiser fears sales could be hit. It is thought to have doubled the jackpot to £50,000 when it learnt of the rival game earlier this year.

Its new Instant Cash game has a top prize of £25,000 but slightly better odds than the *Instants* game, with one in five cards a winner. Odds of winning the Scratch-n-Win jackpot are a million to one, compared with one in 2.6 million for Camelot.

Scratch-n-Win has been launched by Inter Lotto (UK) after fears that small charities were losing out because of the National Lottery. Lord Mancroft, the Tory peer who is backing the venture, won charities the right to sell up to £5 million in lottery tickets a year by forcing an amendment to the National Lotteries Act 1993. This allows Scratch-n-Win to compete directly with Camelot without answering to Oflot. Activities will be monitored by the Gaming Board.

Sir David Trippier, the former Environment Minister, and Lord Strathallan are non-executive directors. Four charities involved with drug and alcohol addiction will benefit initially. Others, including Esther Rantzen's ChildLine, may be added later.

Lord Mancroft also stands to share in the profits from the new venture. He is an 8 per cent shareholder in Inter Lotto (UK), whose American parent has launched similar games in Hungary, Russia and Guatemala. Peter Galdi, a Hungarian-born entrepreneur based in New York, is the majority shareholder, with 43 per cent. The cards are supplied by CGI, an American company in which GTECH, part of the Camelot consortium, has a minority stake.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Local elections: Times writers report from three Tory bastions on the brink of collapse

True blue town ready for spectacular change of hue

ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Natural Law Party started it when they came yogic flying down to Tunbridge Wells last week. They were closely followed by John Prescott, sporting a red carnation, Paddy Ashdown, just out of his flak jacket, a Swiss camera crew and a group of curious Japanese MPs.

Everyone, it seems, wants to witness the demise of one of the last great bastions of Toryism in tomorrow's council elections.

Royal Tunbridge Wells in Kent has been blue for as long as the Georgian spa town has enticed the middle classes away from the grime of London. Shop assistants wear white gloves, retired colonels' wives give up their bus seats to retired admirals' wives and the MP is the ultra-Conservative Sir Patrick Mayhew.

But for the past few years Tory councillors have been clinging on by the skin of their teeth. They have 23 seats to the Liberal Democrats' 20 and Labour's three — and the unthinkable is about to happen.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS

A random survey found people of the town choking on their tea and scones in the elegant colonnaded cafés in the Pantiles at the mere mention of possible Post Office privatisation, education cuts, VAT on fuel and even John Major. Their local grievances are just as acute.

Marcus Fraser, a retired funeral director, summed it up: "I've had enough taxes and excuses. They need a dose of opposition."

Caroline Spalding, a former Tory voter and nursery school teacher, is appalled by the sleaze headlines. "They are all after more sex and money," she said. "Sir Winston Churchill's grandson being given our lottery money was the last straw for me."

The Tory agent, Steven Owen, whose job should have been a doddle, is exasperated by them all. "They may be polite but they are real whingers. They blame us for whatever is in the paper that day, be it NHS cuts or three-in-a-bed MPs.

"They are in a blind panic and can't see what the Tories have achieved. They say things like shouldn't we give the Lib Dems a chance. This is not a game of bowls, it will mean higher spending. But I am optimistic that on polling day everyone will regain their sanity."

Ian Carvell, 26, a Labour candidate, disagrees. He believes that Tunbridge Wells may have changed for good. "Tunbridge Wells has never had that much money, just high morals," he said. "Disgusted of Tunbridge Wells is appalled that people have to sell the *Big Issue* here and their children aren't getting jobs."

The leader of the Liberal Democrats, Jake Nicholson, believes that not only will his party win seats, it could take absolute control of the borough council. "The Tories have lost the battle here," he said.

Patrick Thomson, is the celebrity the Japanese most want to see. A Tory for 30 years and a councillor for Sissinghurst and Frittenden, he has now turned independent. "I couldn't bear to be associated with the Tories any more," he said.

"Everytime a fat-cat privatised industry boss gets a rise I cringe and the Lib Dems fritter away our money on the council. The Liberals and Tories will probably share the seats here now and the socialists will hold the balance. John Major should be thoroughly ashamed."

TONY WHITE

The colonnaded cafés of Tunbridge Wells, where the voters recoil at many of the Government's policies

Troubles spread to Major's back yard

BY ANDREW PIERCE

JOHN MAJOR, who will move swiftly to stamp his authority on the Conservative Party after the expected rout in tomorrow's local elections, is now facing growing troubles in his own backyard.

Senior Tories in Huntingdon, for decades rock-solid Tory territory, warned the Prime Minister at the weekend to be prepared for losses in his own district council. Droves of traditional Tory supporters have told the party's canvassers they will stay at home in protest at the Government's performance.

Derek Holley, the leader of Huntingdonshire District Council for the past 11 years, said it was the toughest election campaign so far. "It is worse than during the poll tax. We have uncovered a definite element of stay-at-home supporters. Their attitude is not a reflection of the way we run the council but it is because of the perception of sleaze and disunity in the parliamentary party."

HUNTINGDON

Mr Holley, 53, who was brought into Huntingdon politics by John Major after his adoption meeting as MP in 1979, was relieved that the party high command had not sent in ministers to bang the drum for Tory councillors. "They never come here, which helps us particularly this time as it enables us to concentrate on local issues," he said. Mr Holley, a finance director of a local company, discussed the campaign with the Prime Minister at the weekend after he was paged while he out riding his horse.

The council is made up of 34 Tories, 12 Liberal Democrats, four Labour members and one Independent. In 1988 the Liberal Democrats had only one councillor. They expect to make further gains tomorrow.

In Huntingdon, where few Tory posters could be seen, local people were uncompromising in their opposition. Rachel Hill, who lives just outside the town, was planning to vote tactically. She said: "I'm voting on national issues. Some people vote Tory because it makes them proud to have the Prime Minister as their MP but the novelty is fading." Pointing to her 20-month-old son Henry, she said: "John Major talks about nursery education for all but there is only one state nursery around here and single mothers have priority. His deeds don't match his words."

Lib Dems expect hung council

BY JAMES LANDALE
POLITICAL REPORTER

DESPITE the growing disillusionment of traditional Tory voters, few believe that the Liberal Democrats will win outright control of Chichester district council at tomorrow's local elections. A hung council is the most likely outcome.

However, the prospect of the Tories losing a majority of 14 in one of their most secure heartlands is a mark of how unpopular the Government has become. Support for the Tories has always been strong in the Sussex cathedral city. Anthony Nelson, junior Treasury Minister, was one of the few Tory MPs to increase his majority at the last election. The district council has been Tory since it was created in 1973.

Yet there has always been a solid Liberal Democrat minority. The party has held the city council since 1983 and runs the hung West Sussex county council, which the Tories lost in 1993. The Liberal Democrats hold 14 seats on the district council, compared with the Tories' 32, with three independents and one seat vacant.

CHICHESTER

The Tories' problems in Chichester are compounded by the similarity between their brand of "shire Toryism", focusing more on social concerns than free-market principles, and Liberal Democrat policies. This makes it easier for voters to shift their support. Many Tories hold their seats by slender margins.

Captain Stephen Stuart, 68, Tory chairman of the the district council for the past three years, admits he has struggled to keep the campaign focused on local issues, but the Liberal Democrats still have some way to go. Council tax rates are low and the Tories have run a successful housing campaign, building 750 houses at a cost of £11 million over the past four years.

The Liberal Democrats have also been unsettled by the death last month of Peter Weston, their popular group leader. Labour is also putting up more candidates than before, which could split the anti-Government vote.

Colin Tupper, a Liberal Democrat city, district and county councillor, says he is "quietly confident" of a hung council, not outright Liberal Democrat control. "Many are convinced that the Government has run out of ideas and run out of steam," he said.

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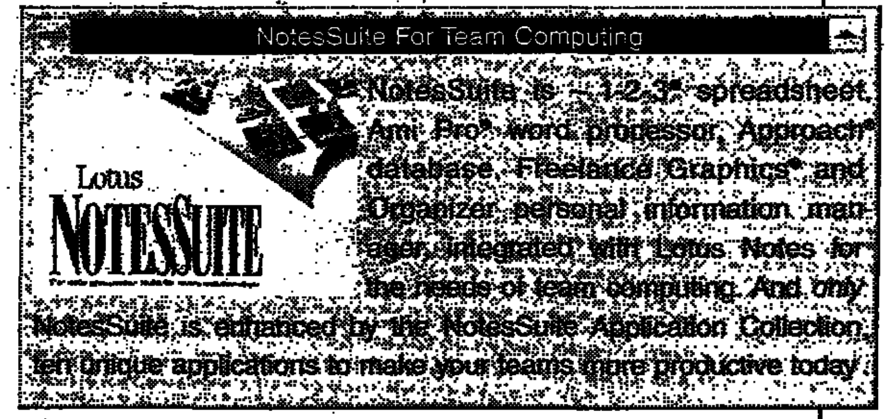

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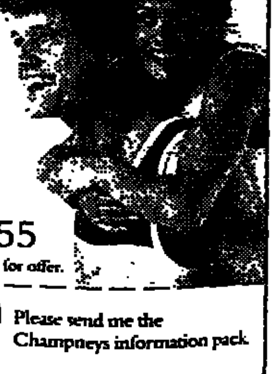

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Bottomley fails to calm backbench hospital revolt

Bottomley: political standing damaged

By Nicholas Wood
Chief Political Correspondent

THE Health secretary, Virginia Bottomley, has suffered a setback in her efforts to head off a backbench Conservative revolt over hospital closures.

She failed to win over her critics at an ill-tempered hour-long meeting on Monday night in the Commons, and yesterday she faced fresh threats of rebellion in a vote on London's health service expected next week.

Sir John Gorst, MP for Hendon North and one of a group of five Tories who met Mrs Bottomley to protest about cuts at Edgware Hospital, said that he would support a Labour motion opposing the Government's plans to reorganise hospitals in the capital.

The MPs, who also included Sir Rhodes Boyson (Brent North), Hugh Dykes (Harrow East), Hartley Booth (Finchley) and John Marshall (Hendon South), had sought a pledge from Mrs Bottomley to halt the closure of Edgware's casualty unit.

Sir John said: "She started lecturing us on things we have heard so often before — the changes in clinical requirements and the views of so-called experts who none of us has ever heard of.

"After we had wrangled for close on an hour, our deliberations were interrupted by the division bell. We had got nowhere.

"I would not say the meeting was so much heated as noisy, with three or four people talking at the same time and interrupting one another. There was a minimum of listening going on, certainly from Virginia Bottomley."

But last night, close associates of Mrs Bottomley said that the meeting had been "perfectly calm and friendly" and that the Health Secretary had given a point-by-point explanation of her plans for a minor injuries unit at the hospital and to improve transport and ambulance services in northwest London.

"It is no secret that they want something we are not prepared to do," one source said. "But there is a very strong case for the changes, and 80 per cent of the patients who use the hospital now will do so in future because the outpatients department will remain. Gorst and Dykes are pretty well dug in and not listening to the arguments. Some of the others are more persuaded of the case."

Sir Rhodes said that unless the Government backed down, it could not count on his support in any vote on London's health service.

"There was a gap as wide as the Atlantic between us. We said our piece strongly because it is our job to look after our constituents. The way this has been handled has been like a dictatorship, not a democracy. We have made our case regularly for the past 18 months and we have been ignored. It is no way to run a country.

"These decisions have been made from the top down and not the bottom up and good Government is from the bottom up. There has been no meeting with local people about this to my knowledge."

A number of other Conservatives — including the former Cabinet minister Peter Brooke, Roger Sims, MP for Chislehurst, and Sir Gerard Vaughan, MP for Reading East — have publicly opposed the closure plans, which include shutting St Bartholomew's Hospital and running down Guy's Hospital.

With the Government's majority down to 11 over the next two weeks, only six Tories would have to vote with Labour for Mrs Bottomley's proposals to be defeated. However, the Government whips appeared confident last night that they could score a narrow victory.

Mrs Bottomley's political standing has been damaged by her clashes with backbenchers over London and most Tories now expect her to be moved to another job in a summer reshuffle.

Cynical but shrewd ploy will pay off for Paddy Ashdown

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Don't forget the Liberal Democrats. Paddy Ashdown and his party have been squeezed out of national attention by Tony Blair since last summer. But the Liberal Democrats have continued to make headway locally in council by-elections, and they stand to achieve big gains in tomorrow's elections.

The party has fought a cynical, though highly effective, single-issue campaign. Mr Ashdown has portrayed the local elections as a referendum on the Government's education record. That has been the party's consistent theme throughout, via both the appealing pictures of children in its party political broadcasts and its "Stop the School Cuts Petition" presented yesterday.

Mr Ashdown has a long record of stressing the importance of education, dating back to his days as the party's spokesman on the subject at the 1987 election. A higher priority for education, paid for, if necessary, by 1p extra on the basic rate of income tax, was the party's most distinctive pledge at the 1992 election.

This has often been quoted by Mr Ashdown to show that the public is willing to face tough choices, though there is little evidence that it did the party any good in terms of votes. Mr Ashdown repeated last Friday that his party would make an extra £2 billion investment in education a priority rather than tax cuts. This is, at least, more candid than the "as resources permit" evasions of Labour spokesmen.

The party's propaganda has been less straightforward. The petition is a specious exercise in populism. Nowhere on the form does the party set out the tax-spending options it favours. The petition's reference to "cuts" is a gross over-simplification. Some school budgets are having to be cut, and more are being squeezed, but, nationally, education spending has risen sharply in real terms during the 1990s.

The cynicism lies in the tactics of, in Mr Ashdown's words, presenting the elections as "the last chance for the British people to stop the Cosnervative education cuts". What the Liberal Democrats have not said is that 85 per cent of the councils being contested in England tomorrow are not responsible for education. That is decided by county councils, which are not up for election for another two years. The only councils responsible for education up for election are the largely Labour-dominated metropolitan districts and the 14 new shadow unitary authorities. But it is the non-education authorities where the Liberal Democrats are strongest and where they are likely to make their largest gains from the Tories. In the metropolitan districts, their victories are likely to be at the expense of Labour.

These facts undermine the Liberal Democrats' claims to be fighting the elections on local issues relevant to the councils concerned. What they have done is to pick a theme for which their candidates can do little if they win. It was, however, a shrewd decision politically. Last week's MORI poll for *The Times* showed that education has jumped to top the list of issues which people regard as important in helping to decide which way to vote tomorrow. Moreover, of those absolutely certain to vote, 18 per cent back the Liberal Democrats, three points more than their increased national poll rating.

In the past, the Liberal Democrats have performed above their national poll ratings, and Labour below. The signs are that Labour should do better this time. Friday's headlines are likely to be about a Tory rout and sweeping Labour gains. But the scale and, particularly distribution, of Liberal Democrat successes matter. Mr Blair has been careful to leave a door open to co-operation with the Liberal Democrats. Mr Ashdown would be only too happy to respond, but many Liberal Democrats are strongly opposed, and could be even more hostile if the party does well on its own tomorrow.

PETER RIDDELL

MPs want firms to list disabled staff

By Arthur Leathley
Political Correspondent

COMPANIES should be compelled to reveal the number of disabled people they employ to help to combat widespread discrimination, a Commons report said yesterday.

Thousands of companies contravene laws that state 3 per cent of jobs should be set aside for registered disabled employees. Many more small firms, employing more than one third of the workforce, are exempt from the law.

The Commons Employment Select Committee demanded that companies employing more than 20 staff publish details of their registered disabled workforce and that the figures be collated centrally. The MPs also pressed companies employing fewer than 20 people, who are exempt from the law, to disclose voluntarily the number of staff with disablities.

Although the MPs welcomed the Government's Disability Discrimination Bill, they gave warning that the legislation did no more than lay the groundwork for further legislation.

The report said: "Comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation would impose costs upon employers and business, but in the vast majority of cases these would be small."

SNP challenges election date

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

THE Scottish National Party said yesterday that it was taking legal advice about the timing of the the Perth and Kinross by-election, which is to be held on May 25, less than two weeks after the Conservative Party conference in Scotland.

The SNP believes that televised coverage of the conference could constitute a breach of the Representation of the People Act. Last month Labour and the Liberal Democrats won a court ban to prevent the BBC showing a *Panorama* interview with John Major just before the local authority elections in Scotland.

The SNP candidate is favourite to succeed the late Tory MP Sir Nicholas Fairbairn. Roseanna Cunningham, a lawyer, was narrowly defeated by Sir Nicholas at the last general election. He died in February.

Yesterday the main political parties set up bases in Perth and started to order telephone and fax lines. Sir Nicholas, the MP for 21 years, took the seat with a majority of 2,094 at the last election. Since then the council, which was previously Conservative, has come under SNP control.

Many political commentators believe that Labour voters could push the Conservatives into third place in the by-election.

☐ General election. 1992: Sir N Fairbairn (C), 20,195; Ms R Cunningham (SNP), 18,101; M J Rolfe (Lab), 6,267; M Black (LD), 5,714. C maj: 2,094.

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to defence ministers and the Prime Minister were followed by a debate on the remaining stages of the Atomic Energy Authority Bill. In the Lords: debates on the Licensing (Sunday Hours) Bill, Agricultural Tenancies Bill, Private International Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill and Law Reform (Succession) Bill.
TODAY in the Commons: from 10am, debates on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, the Lancashire structure plan, firearms, the Broadmoor Farm business park and Burtonwood air base. Questions to Foreign Office ministers will be followed by debates on exports, industry and inward investment. In the Lords: second reading debates on the Sale of Goods (Amendment) Bill and the Financial Services (Amendment) Bill.

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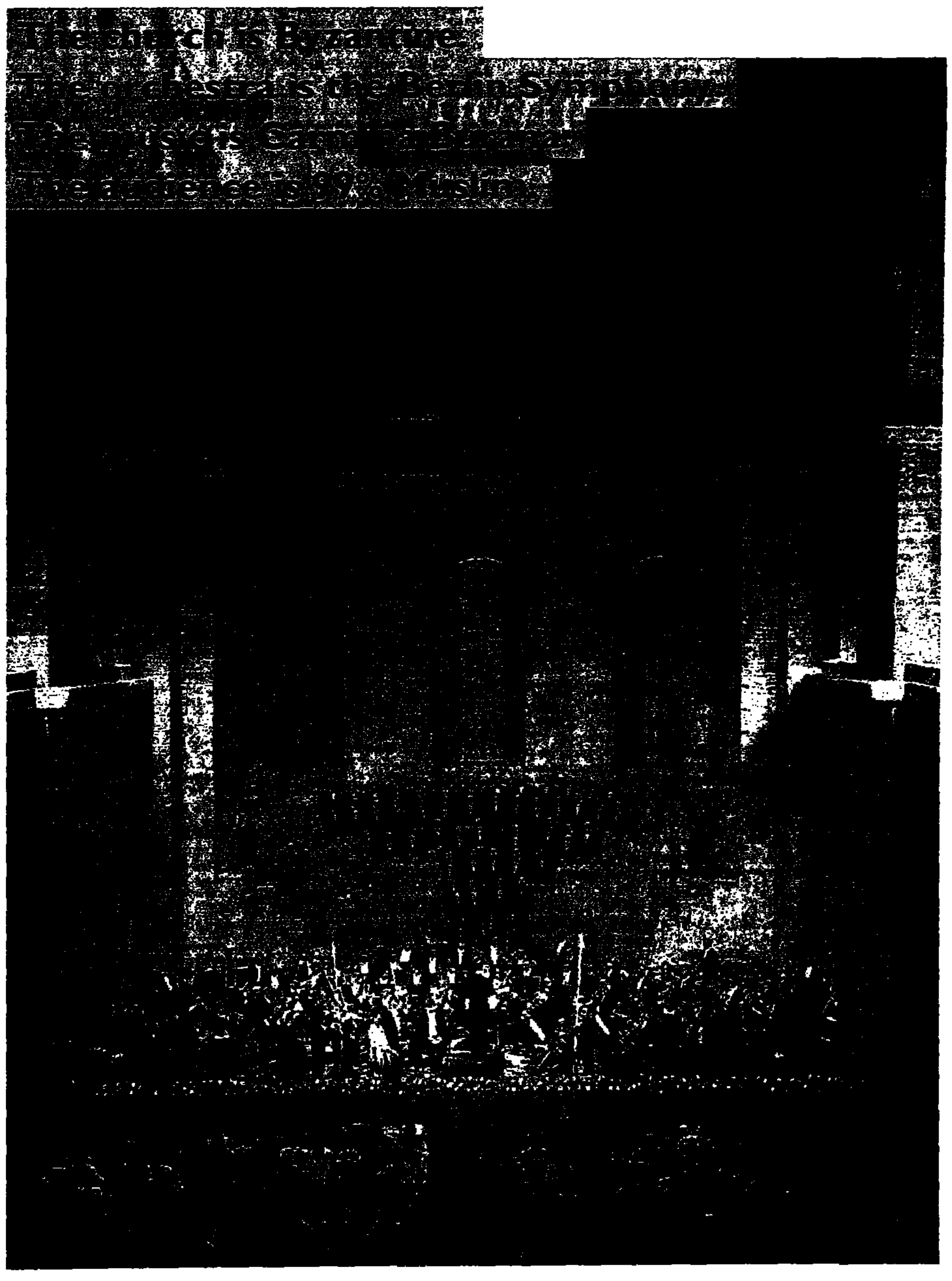
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ENEMY COLLAPSE IN NORTH GERMANY

DRIVE TOWARDS KIEL CANAL

BRITISH AND RUSSIANS LINK ON BALTIC COAST

HAMBURG OCCUPIED BY SECOND ARMY

The enemy has collapsed in northern Germany and prisoners are flocking in as in the final stage of the Tunisian campaign. The British 6th Airborne Division have linked with Russian forces at Wismar, on the Baltic coast.

Last night British tanks were driving north in great strength towards the Kiel Canal and the Danish frontier.

Hamburg has surrendered and is being occupied by the British Second Army. The wireless station was yesterday operating under allied control.

The American Ninth Army has joined up with the Russians at three new places south-east and north-west of Wittenberge. Everywhere in northern Germany the enemy is being driven by the Russians into Anglo-American hands.

General Patton's forces are across the River Inn at seven points. The Germans have declared Prague a "hospital city."

CANADIANS TAKE OLDENBURG

FOUR MILES FROM EMDEN

From Our Special Correspondent

HAMBURG FRONT, May 3

The whole German system of defence has collapsed in the north. The capture of Lübeck and Wismar, on the Baltic coast, by British forces yesterday has been followed by the surrender of Hamburg to the British and of Oldenburg to the Canadians to-day.

Travemünde, on the Baltic, also fell to-day to a column of the British 11th Armoured Division advancing northward after handing over Lübeck to the care of the British 5th Infantry Division (lately arrived in this theatre from Italy) while another column of the 11th has struck towards Kiel. The British 6th Airborne Division at Wismar made contact yesterday with a Russian armoured squadron which had pushed westward from Rostock.

Over on the left flank Canadian infantry came to-day to a point only four miles from Emden, while men of our Highland Division advanced 12 miles after clearing Bremervörde, north-east of Bremen, and began to threaten the naval and submarine base of Bremerhaven.

100,000 PRISONERS

It is calculated that General Dempsey's Second Army yesterday took at least 100,000 prisoners, but the estimate is only rough, for the situation in the north generally, but particularly in the triangle bounded by Lübeck, Wismar, and Schwerin, is simply chaotic, with surrendering German soldiers, German civilians, and non-German displaced persons "around" everywhere. Our commanders can no longer accept surrender from any of the enemy except senior commanders who must undertake to carry on the control of their troops in the area in which they give themselves up. The 11th Armoured Division have claimed 5,000 more prisoners since last night, when its total for yesterday stood at 18,000.

The operations generally in this region seem to be developing on much the same lines as the final stage of the campaign in Tunisia; at all events, the enemy collapse seems as complete.

The 11th Armoured Division in Lübeck and its area have liberated an *Oflag* with 1,000 British and more than 6,000 allied prisoners of war; the British 5th Infantry Division, lately from Italy, on its right around Mölln has taken more than 55,000 more, while the Royals, ranging far and wide in their armoured reconnaissance cars, have taken still more thousands, yet uncounted, of German soldiers and freed thousands of non-German civilian slave-workers.

SHIPPING SAILING NORTH

In the meantime the British 2nd T.A.F. has been making fierce and continuous attacks on the masses of both road transport moving into the Schleswig Holstein peninsula and of shipping leaving the east coast of the peninsula. Before noon to-day our machines had destroyed or damaged about 800 vehicles moving on the jammed roads without a shred of protection. There were many petrol bowsers hit among the concentrations of traffic.

The assembly of shipping off the Baltic ports is described by the airmen as tremendous, and includes vessels of 10,000 tons down to small sailing ships. All those seen on the move were going northward. Their number is given as between 250 and 300. Several submarines were in one convoy, and the belief is that the ships are carrying mainly war material, including spares for U-boats, rather than troops.

NEARING DANISH FRONTIER

21st Army Group, May 3.—Tanks of the British 11th Armoured Division are to-night rolling north in great strength towards the Kiel Canal and the Danish Frontier. The first tanks have already passed through Bad Segeberg, 19 miles from Lübeck, and are now reported a good distance beyond.—*Reuter.*

WIRELESS ORDERS TO HAMBURGERS

ANNOUNCER'S FAREWELL

It was evident yesterday morning that Hamburg wireless station, formerly the Germans' chief transmitter in the north, was operating under allied control.

The orders to the population were issued under the following prefix: "Hamburg is an open city. The commander-in-chief of the British troops of occupation who are to occupy Hamburg to-day issues these orders." Among the orders were the following:—

"All public traffic and vehicles must stop when occupation takes place at 12 noon. From 1 p.m. there will be a curfew for the population with the exception of the staffs of the electricity, gas, and other works. The length of the curfew will depend on the carrying out of all orders. When the curfew is lifted again—and it is hoped that it will be only of short duration—everyone will resume his usual activities unless the commander of the occupation troops orders differently."

Soon after 1 o'clock the announcer said: "It is doubtful if we shall come on the air again with a news bulletin. We take leave of the Hamburgers herewith. Hamburgers have heard the voice of this announcer for the last two years. It is improbable that I shall be able to continue in office. I wish all Hamburgers the best that one can wish in the present situation. Long live Hamburg. Long live Germany."—*Reuter.*

FIGHTING IN PASSES OF TIROL

RESISTANCE TO AMERICANS

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

PARIS, May 3

Although the German capitulation in Italy means the end of the so-called southern redoubt, fighting is still in progress in the northern passes of Austrian Tirol, where General Patch's advance to the Inn valley is being opposed by remnants of the German First Army, which have been pushed back by the allied drive across Bavaria. Tirol forms part of the surrendered territory, but for the present Kesselring is continuing operations along his own front. The end, however, must come soon, and there is the example of the 5,000 Germans who were still holding out in corners of Munich and who surrendered, they said, because Hitler's death nullified their oath of allegiance.

A horrifying record of German atrocities during the occupation of France has been assembled by the Psychological Warfare Division of Supreme Headquarters with the assistance of the French Deuxième Bureau. Detailed evidence from surviving victims and witnesses, together with photographs taken in some instances from German dossiers, runs into 13 volumes, which may later be published in Great Britain and America.

Such outrages as Oradour and the massacres in the Vercors, one of the strongholds of the *Maquis*, are fully substantiated by British and American investigators, and among hundreds of instances of torture and mutilation, such as the burning of a woman alive in front of her children, there is damning proof of the sadistic activities of the so-called French *Gestapo*.

NEW LINKS WITH RUSSIANS

Paris, May 3.—While General Dempsey's men made contact with Russian tanks this morning at Wismar, and later near Grabow, south-east of Ludwigslust, the American Ninth Army joined up with the eastern allies at three new places to-day south-east and north-west of Wittenberge.

The narrow corridor which still exists in northern and central Germany between the Anglo-Americans and the Russians will soon disappear and the only choice left to the Germans seems to be to whom they will surrender.—*Reuter.*

MOSCOW ANNOUNCES THE LINK

In an order of the day addressed to Marshal Rokossovsky last night Marshal Stalin said: "Troops of the 2nd White Russian command, developing their offensive, to-day captured the towns of Bart, Bad Doberan, Neu Bokow, Warien, and Wittenberge, and to-day also linked up with British troops on the Wismar-Wittenberge line."

SHARP ATTACK ON KIEL

The naval base of Kiel, in which many U-boats are known to be lying, was attacked on Wednesday night by R.A.F. Bomber Command Mosquitoes. More than 50 4,000lb. bombs were dropped, in addition to many other bombs. Crews reported seeing several large explosions, and fires were burning as they turned for home. Night fighter and intruder aircraft of Bomber Command supported the bombers and attacked airfields. Three of our aircraft are missing.

Six German troop-carrying aircraft were wrecked and others were severely damaged on the ground by two Fighter Command Mosquitoes when they attacked an airfield in Denmark during the night.

BLASKOWITZ FIGHTS ON

General Blaskowitz, German commander-in-chief in Holland, has issued an order of the day urging his troops to fight on, said German "Fortress Holland" radio. "The Führer has given his life and has died a hero's death," he said. "It is now your task to keep up his faith in Germany. He was and he remains our Führer."—*Reuter.*

INTO AUSTRIA

THIRD ARMY'S THRUST

HITLER'S BIRTHPLACE CAPTURED

From Our Special Correspondent

RIVER INN FRONT, May 3

Passau, Braunau, and Wasserburg have been captured by the Third Army. All stand on the River Inn, all of which between Wasserburg and Passau is controlled by General Patton's men, who are across the river at seven points—tanks as well as infantry.

With advances up to 28 miles—and this maximum gain was made by infantry to take Wasserburg—the Third Army has reduced the pocket of Germany still unoccupied to a size smaller than most English counties, and has increased its penetration into Austria to 13 miles. Here tanks of the 11th Armoured Division are across the Mühl, a tributary of the Danube, on the road running south-east into Linz. This picturesque city was much more of a Hitler town than Braunau, his birthplace, in which he showed little interest. When they captured Braunau American tank men found that the house where Hitler was born had since been converted into a Nazi centre, and the library was still standing. No signs of mourning were in evidence, and most of the people were fully concerned with their personal survival and rehabilitation.

Infantrymen of the 80th Division advanced south-east for 25 miles to the vicinity of Holzfeld, 10 miles west of Braunau and 38 miles north of Berchtesgaden. Meanwhile, advancing north-east, troops of the Third Army continue their thrusts into Czechoslovakia. Gains of up to seven miles took infantrymen of the 90th Division near Taus, 30 miles south-west of Pilzen, and advances were made by infantry of the 5th Division into Czechoslovakia from south of the Austro-German frontier. In the first 10 days of the present drive General Patton's prisoners exceed 140,000.

Third Army, May 3.—Linz, Austria's third city, is now within range of General Patton's artillery. Tanks are seven miles north-west of the city.—*Reuter.*

PRAGUE A "HOSPITAL CITY"

DÖNITZ'S ANNOUNCEMENT

A German station broadcasting on the Hamburg wavelength and calling itself "Reichssender" said yesterday:—

"At the request of the German Minister of State for Bohemia and Moravia, Admiral Dönitz has declared Prague a hospital city. Negotiations for a political reorganization in the directorate have begun. Any disturbance of the calm and orderly developments which could only lead to Bolshevist chaos will be suppressed by force of arms."

A German short-wave station said yesterday afternoon: "Dr. Frank, Minister of State for Bohemia and Moravia has issued the following order of the day: 'For us the Führer is not dead. The oath of allegiance we swore to him is from now on valid for every German to Admiral Dönitz. We will stand at his side and obey his command. Everyone must do his duty. Long live the nation.'"

Another German broadcast said that a delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross has taken up activities in Prague. The committee will look after the welfare of prisoners of war and the wounded, in accordance with the Geneva Convention, the radio said.

The transmitter giving these announcements did not identify itself, and it is not possible to give its location.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN TALK OF STAND IN BOHEMIA

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

STOCKHOLM, May 3

Reports received here suggest that Dönitz considers himself more as head of a liquidation committee than of a government, and that the idea behind his appointment is to preserve as much order as possible in a collapsing Reich. German troops, it is added, will endeavour to surrender to the British and Americans rather than the Russians, and so maintain for posterity the idea that they are implacable enemies of Bolshevism.

German spokesmen even to-day continue the pretence that German armies, though separated, will fight on indomitably, and hint that a prolonged stand is possible and, indeed, intended in Bohemia and Moravia. One report says that Vlassov's "army" of renegade Russians and Ukrainians is stationed in Bohemia, and determined, with the Germans, to defend this gateway into western Europe.

FINAL SCENES IN BERLIN

PRISONERS MARCH OUT

RAGE AND HYSTERIA

In an order of the day addressed to General Eremenko and Colonel-General Sandalov Marshal Stalin announced last night:—

Troops of the 4th Ukrainian command, continuing their offensive, to-day occupied the town of Cieszen (Teschen), an important centre of communication and a strong bastion in the German defences in Czechoslovakia.

Cieszen is on the Czechoslovak-Polish border, 15 miles south-east of Moravska Ostrava. It is on the main railway from Cracow.

The High Command report last night stated that north-west of Berlin troops of the First White Russian command occupied a number of towns, including Studenitz, and emerged on to the Elbe south-east of Wittenburg, where they linked up with American troops.

In Berlin on Wednesday 20,000 more prisoners were taken, while 10,700 wounded were located in hospitals. The total of prisoners taken in Berlin during the day was 100,700. Among them were the chief of the State air force squadron, Lieutenant-General Bauer, Police General Ratzenberg, and the chief of Goebbels's secretariat, Seidl.

East of Brno Ostropolice was captured, and Czechoslovak guerrillas captured the commander of the 16th German Tank Division, Major-General Müller.

From Our Own Correspondent

MOSCOW, May 3

All through last night, in the glare of searchlights, and long into the morning columns of German prisoners streamed from the centre of conquered Berlin towards camps on the periphery, and for the first time in 11 days Berliners slept without Russian shells falling on some part of the capital.

Most of the men who, on the orders of General of Artillery Weidling, ceased fire yesterday afternoon are described as half-crazed by the ordeal of shelling and bombing through which they had passed. Shaggy-headed, bearded, and grimy, they emerged, wearing white armlets, from bunkers, drainpipes, tube stations, and piles of ruins. Some of them threw their weapons away with angry, sullen faces; others were ingratiating and stacked their rifles where they were told; many laughed hysterically and could not stop laughing as they trailed through the shattered city. There were boys of 15 and men of 60 among them—*Volkssturmer* condemned to prisoner-of-war camps by the insensate obstinacy of Germany's leaders.

The Russians are reported to have made a great effort to look worthy of the occasion, and observers were struck by the contrast which the freshly shaved men, with medals gleaming, the brick dust shaken out of their clothes, and their high leather boots polished, made with the defeated enemy. In their hour of triumph their discipline was beyond reproach, one correspondent observed.

The end came when tanks and infantrymen, supported by field guns and rocket-firing weapons, met in the Tiergarten after a hard-fought advance from north and south. Simultaneously resistance cracked near the Friedrichs Hein park. The circumstances in which the prominent Germans reported captured in the Soviet official announcement were taken have not yet been revealed.

The battle for Berlin lasted 17 days.

NO COMMUNIQUE FROM GERMANS

FIRST TIME IN THE WAR

For the first time since the start of the war the German high command *communiqué* had not been broadcast yesterday to the outside world up to 10 p.m. Normally it is broadcast by the German wireless early in the afternoon.

To-day the Oslo wireless, one of the few stations still in German hands, announced that it expected to give the *communiqué* at 9.30 p.m. in its German language bulletin, but when the time came the Oslo wireless stated: "As was expected the German high command *communiqué* has not yet arrived because of technical reasons."

No German station has yet announced the surrender of the German forces in Italy and west Austria.—*Reuter.*

SPEER ON DUTY OF GERMANS

RECONSTRUCTION UNDER ALLIES

ORDERS TO BE OBEYED

Speer, the German Minister of Armaments and Production, in a broadcast to the German people over the German-controlled Danish radio last night, stated, "The direction of our lives is no longer in our hands." He admitted that the German nation was defeated, and said:—

"Never before has a cultured people been smitten as grievously as the German people now. Never before has any land been laid so waste by the fury of the war as has Germany. You all are disheartened now and incensed. Instead of faith, desperation has entered your hearts: you have become tired and cynical. This must not be. The bearing of the German nation in this war has been such that, in times to come, future generations will look upon it with admiration. Let us not stop to cry out our eyes about the past. To work!

"The havoc wrought by this war has only one parallel in history—the Thirty Years' War. Yet the decimation of the people by starvation and plagues must not be allowed to reach the proportions of that period. That, and that alone, is the reason why Admiral Dönitz has resolved not to lay down arms. This is the only meaning of the continuance of the struggle—to prevent the death of fleeing German men. It is our last duty, and the German people have to shoulder it.

REPAIR OF RAILWAYS

"It rests with our enemies to decide whether they wish to grant to the German people the possibilities that lie open to a nation which is defeated but which has shown its heroic spirit in battle, and imprinted its reputation on the pages of history as a generous and decent opponent. Yet each one of us must contribute his share, and in the months to come devote our strength to the work of reconstruction. You must overcome your lethargy, your paralysing despair. I therefore issue this order to you for the immediate future:—

"1. The most urgent work is the repair of the damage done to the German railway system. As far as the enemy allows it, or where he orders it, the reconstruction work has to be speeded up with every means, to make possible the transportation of foodstuffs to areas where starvation stares the people in the face. Remember that the only possibility of rejoining your families lies in the rehabilitation of the German railways.

"2. Both industrial factories and workshops of artisans are under an obligation to carry out as quickly as possible any order concerning the repairs of the railway system.

"3. The German farmers who in six years of war have obeyed their instructions, fully realizing their responsibility towards the entire German nation, have now to raise their deliveries to the peak.

"4. Foodstuffs must have priority in transportation over all other goods. Food, electric current, and gas, as well as coal and wood-producing enterprises, must be supplied before any others. If we work with the same tenaciousness as we have done during the past years, the German nation can be kept alive without further serious losses. Whether our enemies will allow this we cannot yet foretell. It is, however, my duty to use all my strength to keep the German nation alive.

"The direction of our fate no longer lies in our hands. Only divine providence can alter our future. We ourselves can, however, contribute to it by doing our work with determination and industry, by meeting our enemies with dignity and self-confidence, by becoming more modest at heart, and by keeping an unwavering belief in the future of our people which, for ever, will remain our most important concern. May God protect Germany!"—*Reuter.*

OBITUARY

MR. T. BOWMAN

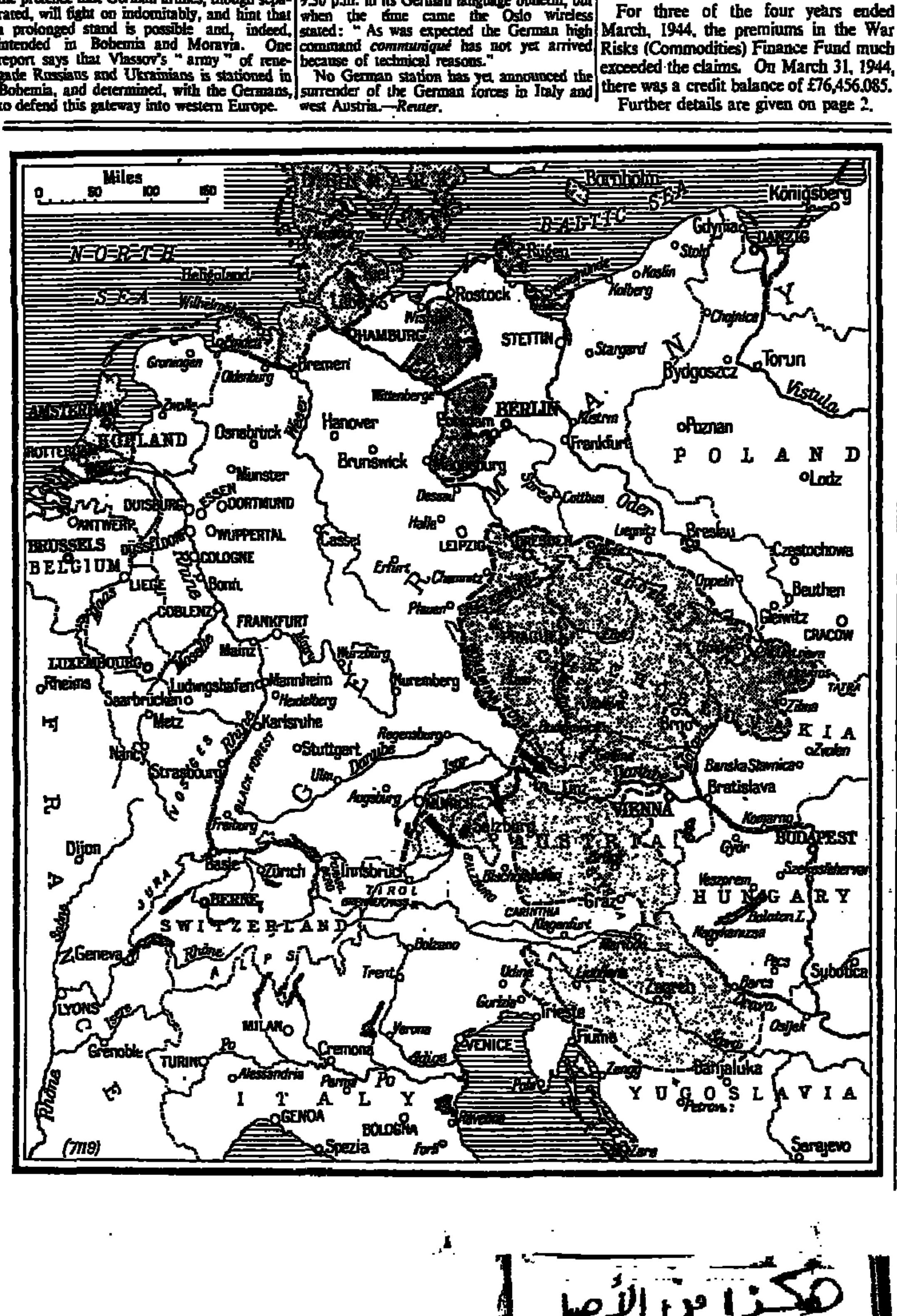
We announce with regret the death of **Mr. Thomas Bowman**, Warden of Merton College, Oxford, from 1903 to 1936.

A memoir and *The Times* list of Fallen Officers will be found on page 7.

COMMODITIES INSURANCE CREDIT

For three of the four years ended March, 1944, the premiums in the War Risks (Commodities) Finance Fund much exceeded the claims. On March 31, 1944, there was a credit balance of £76,456,085.

Further details are given on page 2.



FALL OF TRIESTE

SURRENDER TO NEW ZEALANDERS

An official report from headquarters of 15th Army Group in Italy yesterday stated:—

Fighting has ceased in northern Italy west of the Isonzo river with the unconditional surrender of all enemy troops under command of German Army Group "C." There remain only the multitudinous administrative details of assembly and disarming the scattered and disorganized remnants of the once proud *Wehrmacht*.

In north-east Italy the New Zealand Division has occupied the important port of Trieste. General Freyberg accepted the surrender of the German garrison to the allied forces at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday. Elements of the New Zealand Division have also occupied Gorizia.

The total number of German prisoners taken by the 15th Army Group before the cessation of hostilities was in excess of 230,000.

ITALIANS AND TRIESTE

ANXIETY AT YUGOSLAV CLAIMS

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

ROME, May 3

Italy's exultation at the surrender of the German forces in Italy is tempered by anxiety at the presence of Yugoslav troops at Trieste and elsewhere within her eastern borders. In a congratulatory message to Field-Marshal Alexander, Signor Bonomi refers to "Italy liberated up to the Isonzo," beyond which river "other Italians are anxiously awaiting the same liberation."

Satisfaction that Trieste has been liberated by allied troops was expressed by the Council of Ministers this afternoon. A request was made that the allied "provisional military administration" of Venezia Giulia should be such as to guarantee neutrality and impartiality, and to assure free cooperation by the local population. All territorial questions regarding the eastern frontier, it was added, must in no way be prejudiced until peace is declared and until elected Parliaments of the two countries can reach a proper decision.

The council also expressed the certainty that the bonds forged between the allies and Italy by their common war effort would one day receive a more suitable name than co-belligerency.

Students have taken the lead in agitating for Trieste to remain in Italian hands, and this morning 1,000 of them demonstrated outside the Ministry of the Interior. Afterwards they clashed with Communists, who are accused of being lukewarm about Trieste. The policy of the Communist party towards Yugoslav claims has never been announced and a statement by Signor Togliatti is likely to be issued.

RETURN OF S. AFRICAN TROOPS

Capetown, May 3.—Men of the 6th South African Armoured Division now in Italy are to return home as soon as transport is available, the South African Defence Department announced to-day.

According to an official statement the allies will not require the division for garrison duties, and it has been agreed that South African troops shall be repatriated.

"Some South African units will continue to be used for maintaining lines of communication through the Mediterranean to the Far East and for similar duties," it was stated. "For these purposes 12 South African Air Force squadrons and some 40 engineer, signal, transport, workshop, and security units will be retained in the north during the second phase of the war."—*Reuter.*

AMERICAN CASUALTIES

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON, May 3

The Secretary of War, Mr. Stimson, stated at his Press conference to-day that the Italian campaign cost the United States 109,163 casualties, of whom 21,577 were killed, 77,248 wounded, and 10,338 missing.

LIBERATION OF ITALY

MR. CHURCHILL'S MESSAGE TO SIGNOR BONOMI

The Prime Minister has sent the following message to Signor Bonomi, the Italian Prime Minister:—

On the occasion of the surrender of the German armed forces in Italy, I send your Excellency, on behalf of his Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, a message of warm congratulation on the final liberation of Italian territory from our common enemy, and in particular on the part played by the Italian regular forces and patriots behind the lines.

The knowledge that they have contributed to this unprecedented victory and have materially accelerated the cleansing of their country's soil will, I trust, be a source of strength to the Italian people in the no less strenuous days which lie ahead. It is a matter for great satisfaction to his Majesty's Government, as it will undoubtedly be to your Excellency's Government, that the defeat of the German armies in north Italy should have been accomplished with so little human suffering and with relatively little damage to the material resources of that part of your country.

I extend to your Excellency the good wishes of his Majesty's Government for the great work of reconstruction which now faces the Italian Government and people.

I look forward to the time, which cannot be long delayed, when Italy, whose forces have cooperated in war with those of the United Nations, will work with the United Nations in the more fruitful labours of peace.—(Signed) **Winston S. Churchill.**

LIBERATED RUSSIAN PRISONERS

AMERICAN DENIAL OF SOVIET CHARGES

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON, May 3

In a formal statement to-day the State Department declared that the Russian charges that the United States had violated the Yalta Agreement concerning the repatriation of Soviet prisoners of war were unfounded.

The statement revealed that 4,300 German prisoners of war brought to the United States claimed Soviet citizenship after their arrival here. As soon as their citizenship was established they were segregated from other German prisoners, were seen by Soviet representatives in the United States, and then returned to Russia "as rapidly as shipping was made available by the Soviet authorities." All but eight of these prisoners who claimed Soviet citizenship had now been repatriated and these eight had been put in United States hospitals at the request of Soviet officials.

QUEEN WILHELMINA IN HOLLAND

The Netherlands Government Information Bureau announces that Queen Wilhelmina and Princess Juliana yesterday arrived in the liberated Netherlands.

This does not constitute the Queen's final departure from Great Britain. Pending her Majesty's permanent return to the Netherlands, it is now the Queen's intention to spend some time in the liberated area. In keeping with the circumstances the Queen will continue her simple way of living.

BRITISH IN RANGOON

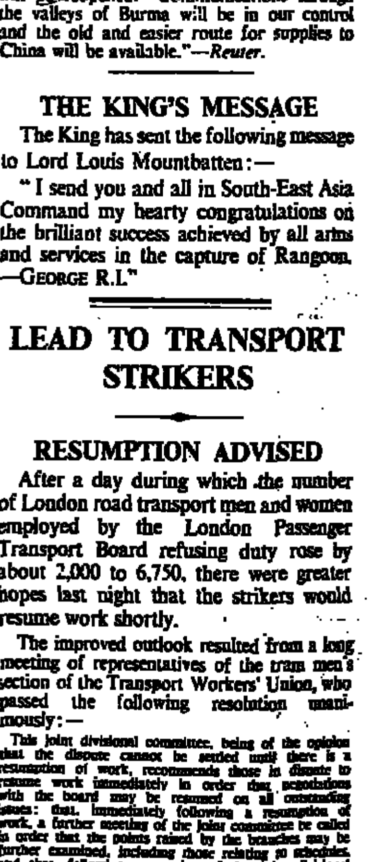
RAPID ADVANCE

JAPANESE FORCES TRAPPED

The following special announcement was issued by South-East Asia Command yesterday:—"Troops of allied land forces entered Rangoon this morning."

Advanced H.Q., Burma, May 3.—The fate of the Japanese still resisting in west Burma has been sealed with the entry to-day of allied land forces into Rangoon and with the capture of Prome, 178 miles from Rangoon.

A few stragglers may filter through the allied line running down the Mandalay-Rangoon railway, but most of the Japanese troops in the Irrawaddy valley and the Arakan coastal area are cut off.



Allied patrols drove 44 miles south from Allanmyo to enter Prome and cut the escape route of the Japanese in the Arakan area. Heavy bombers and fighter-bombers cleared a way to Rangoon for the troops who landed from the sea and air on the banks of the Rangoon river south-east of the city. As these troops pushed up from the south-east, other Fourteenth Army units continued their advance down the Pegu road from the north-east. Latest reports put them between 30 and 40 miles away.

As the pincers closed on Rangoon other allied troops captured Pyawbe, in the oilfields area west of the Irrawaddy and 19 miles south of Minbu.—*Reuter.*

HELP TO CHINA CAMPAIGN

Washington, May 3.—The capture of Rangoon will aid the war in China, said Mr. Henry Stimson, United States Secretary for War, to-night. "With Rangoon in allied hands," he said, "a shipping centre of great importance will be reopened. Communications through the valleys of Burma will be in our control and the old and easier route for supplies to China will be available."—*Reuter.*

THE KING'S MESSAGE

The King has sent the following message to Lord Louis Mountbatten:—

"I send you and all in South-East Asia Command my hearty congratulations on the brilliant success achieved by all arms and services in the capture of Rangoon.—George R.I."

LEAD TO TRANSPORT STRIKERS

RESUMPTION ADVISED

After a day during which the number of London road transport men and women employed by the London Passenger Transport Board refusing duty rose by about 2,000 to 6,750, there were greater hopes last night that the strikers would resume work shortly.

The improved outlook resulted from a long meeting of representatives of the tram men's section of the Transport Workers' Union, who passed the following resolution unanimously:—

This joint divisional committee, being of the opinion that the dispute cannot be settled until there is a resumption of work, recommends those in dispute to resume work immediately in order that negotiations with the board may be resumed on all outstanding issues: that, immediately following a resumption of work, a further meeting of the joint committee be called in order that the points raised by the branches may be further examined, including those relating to schedules, and that, following a meeting of the joint divisional committee, arrangements be made for a conference between the general management and officers of the L.P.T.B., the trams council and officers of the section, and Mr. Harold Clay.

This recommendation will be submitted to the branches by their delegates. Some branch meetings were called for last night, but others cannot be held till to-day.

There was again severe congestion during the day on some of the Underground Railway routes serving areas affected by the dislocation of road services, and some travellers to and from work were considerably delayed. In other areas the alternative means of transport were the surface railways, but many people had long distances to walk and were fortunate if they secured a lift on the way by private car or lorry. On the evening journey home their plight was made far worse by the heavy rain.

The ostensible reason for the strike is entirely groundless. The strikers complained that the summer schedules could not be properly worked because of an insufficiency of vehicles and of labour—particularly labour. Lord Ashfield has assured the men that the additional labour is available. "The board have," he said, "with the assistance of the Government departments concerned, already secured a sufficient supply of labour to cover the summer schedules." There will be sufficient vehicles also.

The services affected by yesterday's extension of the strike were:—

Trolley buses.—654, 696, 698.
Central bus routes.—47, 51, 61, 94, 119, 138, 146, 12, 126, 130, 194, 227, 51a, 99, 122, 21, 202, 243.
Inter-station bus service.

At a meeting of 200 strikers at Old Kent Road garage it was agreed to run the normal B.L.A. services between London termini to enable troops to get home.

BRITISH CARRIERS IN PACIFIC

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

NEW YORK, May 3

Four of Britain's biggest and most powerful aircraft-carriers are now in operation in the Pacific, the British information services stated to-day. They are the Indomitable, Indefatigable, Victorious, and Illustrious.

MAILS TO WAR PRISONERS SUSPENDED

The Postmaster-General announces that the postal service to British prisoners of war and civilians interned in Germany and Austria is suspended in view of the military situation in those countries.

INVALIDS

Mr. F. A. Cooper, Premier of Queensland, is in bed at his London hotel with ear trouble, which has affected his hearing. His doctor has ordered him to remain in bed for a few days.

Commemoration of shattered city's surrender emphasises friendship which pre-dated Nazi era

Prince honours Allied and German dead in Hamburg

Prince of Wales: tribute

FROM ROGER BOYES IN HAMBURG

THE Prince of Wales yesterday celebrated the 50th anniversary of the surrender of Hamburg with the former British officer who led the first tank column into the shattered port city.

Lieutenant Eric Smallwood crossed the northern bridge over the River Elbe on the morning of May 3, 1945, at the head of four Cromwell tanks.

"The city was supposed to have surrendered. But the German commandant and the mayor could not guarantee that the SS would not shoot," the former officer, now 71, told reporters before a Hamburg reception in honour of the Prince.

"We didn't see any white flags. On the bridges and at crossroads German policemen were standing in full uniform and carrying weapons. They showed us the way, but we preferred to rely on our own street maps." Above all the British forces were nervous that the streets might have been mined or booby-trapped.

The Hamburg surrender, or liberation, is regarded with some pride in Germany. Hitler was dead, Berlin had fallen to the Red Army, but still deserters or "defeatists" were being shot by the SS in streets throughout Germany.

However, Major General Alwin Wolz, Hamburg's commander, had decided even in early April that the port city could and should not be defended; had this been leaked to Hitler, Maj Gen Wolz would undoubtedly have been shot but it was plain to the general that the devastating Allied bombing raids of July 1943 had left citizens in no mood for a final armed showdown. Some 900,000 of them were already homeless.

The Prince of Wales will pay tribute today not only to the Allied dead but also to ordinary people buried in mass graves in the city cemetery, developing the theme chosen in Dresden in February by the Duke of Kent who acknowledged that Germans, too, had suffered in the war.

The Prince, who will be delivering at least part of his speech in German, has been underlining the long links that connect Britain with Hamburg. This reflects the broader British approach to Germany during the sensitive 50th anniversary year: the atrocities are not being forgotten but visiting British politicians are emphasising that Anglo-German relations go back centuries and are not exclusively defined by the Second World War.

In Hamburg's case this means celebrating not only the way in which it surrendered without a fight — a considerable relief to tank men such as Mr Smallwood who knew the dangers of street fighting for armoured vehicles — but also the ancient tea and tobacco trade, the fashionable Anglo-German Club and the garden parties in which locals dress up in "the English manner".

No other German city is marking the end of the war in quite such a pro-British style. In Berlin, leftist groups are planning to use the ceremonies on May 8 to demonstrate against Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, John Major and other visiting leaders. Judging by demonstrations in Berlin during the past two nights, these protests could be violent.

At yesterday's reception in the British consulate building — formerly SS headquarters — the Prince also met Otto von Laun, an 80-year-old retired lawyer who crossed British lines with two other Germans to try to secure immunity for a rubber factory that had been converted into a field hospital.

But this limited peace mission quickly became the beginning of serious surrender negotiations. For three days the details of the capitulation were worked out with Herr von Laun acting as a middleman.

"I was happy that we got so far," Herr von Laun recalled yesterday, "because all of us who had been through the worst of the bomb attacks on Hamburg knew that there was no choice." As he crossed the lines with a white flag, he was fired on by British troops but yesterday seemed to bear no ill will. "Fortunately none of us was hit. Later I complained to the English about the shots but in the front line they did not know about our initiative, so it was understandable."

Hamburg, because of its long tradition of maritime trade, has always been quite close to Britain. The Prince was given a warm welcome after attending an ecumenical service in St Michael's Church, partly destroyed by Allied bombers. British flags fluttered from official buildings and the city's 110,000 civil servants have been given a free day today so that they can listen to the Prince of Wales's speech.

The local press highlighted the cases of British soldiers who had helped citizens in distress. Singled out for praise was Corporal Dai Evans of the 53rd Welsh Division, who rushed a heavily pregnant German woman to hospital. He was praised for his humanity by the nun in charge of the Hamburg hospital.

According to Corporal Evans's testimony, his platoon commander reacted with some robust scepticism about his good deed. "He said, 'What a funny world! For years we've been trying to beat the bastards and now we're breaking our backs to save them. I just hope that the little chap we just helped to bring to the world won't be fighting our children in 20 years' time'."

Veterans say Churchill sale reflects a nation of greed

BY JOHN YOUNG

GOVERNMENT efforts to justify using £12.25 million of National Lottery funds to buy Winston Churchill's papers for the nation have failed to convince soldiers, sailors and airmen who served in the Second World War.

Thirty veterans were gathered yesterday at Churchill's former home, Chartwell in Kent, as guests of the National Trust. Without exception, those questioned deplored the sale and felt it reflected the values of an age from which they felt increasingly estranged.

John Humphrey, 73, who served in the RAF Regiment in the Middle East and Italy, recalled that when he was a baker's boy before the war he often saw Churchill bricklaying at the bottom of the hill below the house, with a whisky and soda beside him. "I certainly don't think we should have paid all that money," he said. "Some of the papers may be private and belong to the family but a lot of them are public and rightly belong to the nation."

Geoff King, 77, served as a medical orderly in France, the Middle East, the invasion of Sicily and Italy, the D-Day landings and the battles of Arnhem and the Ardennes. He said: "Churchill was a wonderful man but at the end of the day he was only doing the job he was paid to do. When I think that after all these years so many war widows are only now just getting justice, I think it is quite wrong for one family to be given all this money."

Three former WAAFs, Pauline Skerrett, Pat Johnson, and Lilian Cook, felt that Britons were greedier than 50 years ago and had become whingers. "What I remember most is how everyone worked," Ms Johnson said. "No one complained. It rained and snowed but you just got on with it."

Ms Cook, a former driver who spent D-Day towing gliders at RAF Brize Norton, was disappointed that her home town, Tonbridge in Kent, seemed to be ignoring the fiftieth anniversary of VE-Day. "The younger people say it's a waste of time and want to forget it," she said. "But they seem to forget that we lost our youth, not that I regret it." On the sale of Churchill's papers, she said: "They are ours by right and should have been given to the country."

Ms Skerrett said she could not approve of lottery money being given to individuals when the National Health Service was in such an impoverished state. "Surely some lottery money should be given to hospitals."

Len Waterhouse, who was taken prisoner after Dunkirk and spent five years in Poland, said that when he first heard of plans to mark the fiftieth anniversary he thought it would be a waste of money that could have been used to help disabled people. "But when I thought about it, I saw the need to educate the younger generations so that they know what the war was all about."

He pointed out that many ordinary people had given their wartime papers, medals and other mementos to the Imperial War Museum without payment. "Lottery money could be spent in so many better ways," he said. "Look at all the charities: cancer research, spina bifida and so on. Their needs are endless. I'm sure I speak for a great many other people."

Bert Norgate, 77, a former battalion quartermaster-sergeant in the Royal Artillery, who took part in the D-Day landings and won the Military Medal, said: "By all means keep Churchill's memoirs as a national asset, but I don't think lottery money should have been used. Nor do I feel the Churchill family should have benefited financially. Surely they could have given them to the nation."

The Government was congratulated, however, on the decision to request two minutes' silence on May 8 in memory of the war dead. Fred Cull, 75, a veteran of North Africa and Italy, said: "We are the lucky ones who came home but a lot of our friends didn't. Young people have no idea what their parents and grandparents went through."

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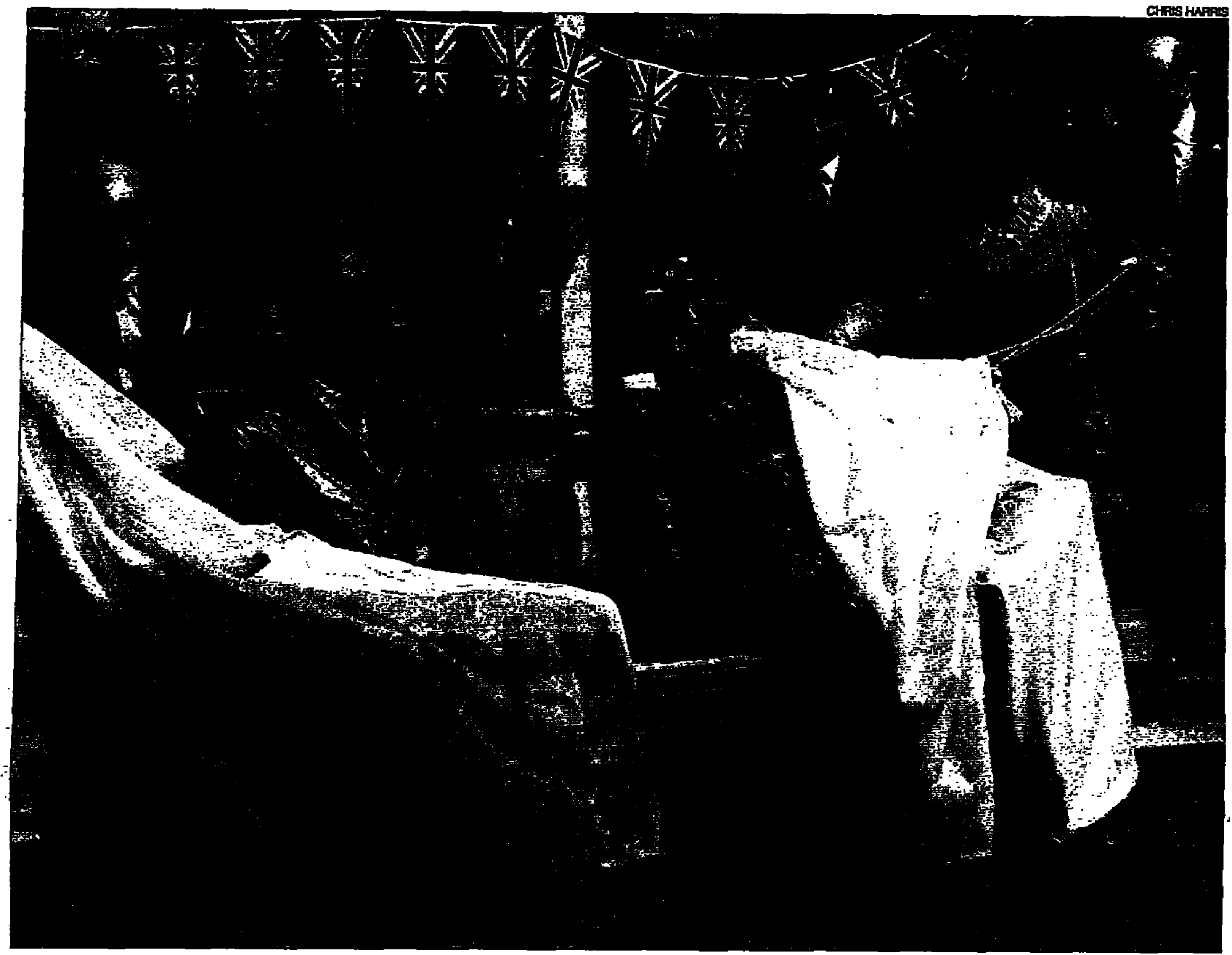


CHRIS HARRIS

Members of the Bond Street Association watch Princess Margaret and Admiral William Crowe Jr unveil Lawrence Holofcener's statue

Sculptor renews wartime alliance

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A LIFE-SIZE statue of Churchill and Roosevelt chatting companionably on a park bench was unveiled yesterday by Princess Margaret and Admiral William Crowe Jr, the American Ambassador.

The piece, called *Allies*, was bought by the Bond Street Association from the American sculptor Lawrence Holofcener to commemorate 50 years of peace. It now has pride of place on a pedestrianised section in the West End's smartest shopping street, where it has quickly started attracting tourists to take their place for photographs between or behind the wartime leaders.

Mr Holofcener said yesterday that he had never seen any picture of Roosevelt and Churchill sitting on a bench, but since making his sculpture had learnt that there was a bench preserved at Yalta painted to show where the two were supposed to have sat together.

Hoardings around the larger statue of Sir Winston in Parliament Square, in place since June last year because of construction work on the Underground, are being taken down today for the VE-Day anniversary celebrations.

Berlin: Dantesque chaos to Cold War symbol

■ Roger Boyes examines how the capital of the Third Reich was rapidly transformed into the West's capitalist showcase and the East's Communist fortress

BERLIN, 50 years ago, was a landscape out of Goya and Dante; a mess of rubble and corpses, fires blazing as gas pipes exploded, the roar and rattle of combat still punctuating the day.

The Polish novelist Andrzej Szczypiorski recalls standing in his concentration camp uniform in the ruins of the Berlin district of Köpenick after being liberated from Sachsenhausen. "My clothing showed where I had just come from and, for the few people whom I saw in Köpenick, I seemed to be the Avenging Angel — like the angel of destruction that once visited the Egypt of the Pharaohs."

It was already clear to many Germans that the end of the Third Reich meant the end of the old Berlin. The city was the metropolitan centre of Prussia, which no longer existed, and the Thousand Year Reich which was living out its last minutes. Within weeks and months Berlin had been split in two — the Soviet sector becoming the germ of East Berlin, the future capital of the Communist German Democratic Republic; the British, American and the French sectors forming the strange truncated semi-city of West Berlin.

The first sign of improvised life under occupation quickly emerged. The physical hub of the city black market was based in Tiergarten Park, one of the final battlefields.

There you could buy clothing, food, petrol and trade in cigarettes. British soldiers with their cigarette rations were rich men. The less visible black market was in penicillin and *Persilscheine* certificates clearing one of a Nazi past.

Berlin came to represent the dual morality of the Allies; intelligence teams working for the Control Commission started the process of denazification, while others sought out Germans who could be used in the coming confrontation with the Russians.

Since 1943 there had been serious thinking in Britain and America about the looming postwar stand-off with Stalin; it was acknowledged that the Allied aim had not only been to defeat Hitler but also to ensure that the future Germany faced West and not East.

The shady fictional Berlin characters from the novels of Len Deighton and John Le Carré really existed.

They were Germans who understood that the defeat of the Nazis did not put an end to their market value. They became the couriers and foot soldiers of the Cold War; their often dubious past was forgotten in the rush to put together intelligence networks focused on the Soviet headquarters in Karlshorst, in east Berlin, or Potsdam.

Three years of open war with the Soviet Union had equipped a large number of Germans with Russian language skills and the intellectual armoury of Cold Warriors.

As Berlin was rebuilt, Hitler's capital city gave way to a capitalist showcase in the West and a Communist fortress in the East.

Hitler's Olympic stadium, built to celebrate the physical supremacy of the Aryan race, was converted into British military headquarters and became the forward base of its anti-Soviet intelligence operations in central Europe.

Some buildings, especially in the East, still bore the patches where Nazi eagles had once been affixed but time and weather rubbed away the traces.

The ruins of Hitler's bunker were left unmarked and were barely noticed by Berliners.

In September 1949 the American Secretary of State, James Byrnes, declared that the Allied military role in Western Germany and Berlin had changed from one of occupation to that of protecting powers.

But Berliners had noticed the shift long before. The Soviet blockade and the airlift of 1948 had plainly set out the new priorities: a few years after the war, the Germans (*our* Germans) had to be defended from the Russians.

Old soldiers meet again for taste of southern comfort

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

THOUSANDS of Allied war veterans are expected to converge on the South of England this week to celebrate the end of the war in Europe.

Hotels throughout London and on the South Coast are confident of filling every room for the Bank Holiday as the veterans from Britain, America and the Commonwealth are joined by tourists. Most are coming to take part in the celebrations in Hyde Park, but some will be heading out of the capital to revisit towns in which they were stationed during the war.

The hotel chain Forte says its Imperial Forte Grand hotel in Torquay has been booked up for months by veterans returning to their former war base. Its Harrogate hotel, which is putting on a special VE-Day dinner dance, is also full.

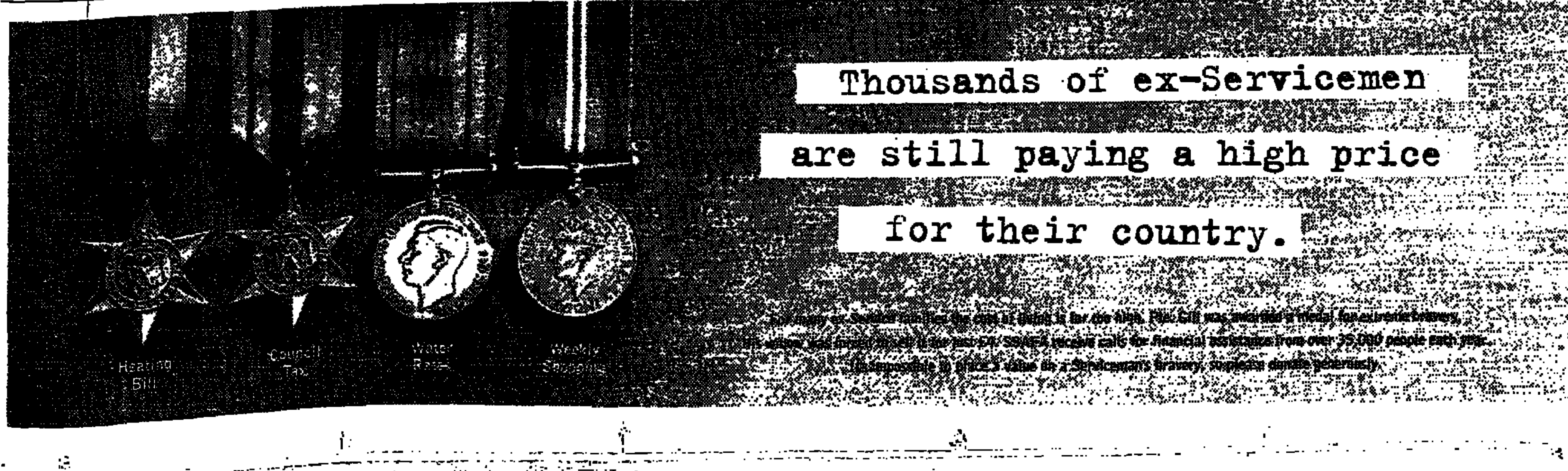
Many of the hotels overlooking Hyde Park and around the Paddington and Mayfair areas of London are predicting a busy weekend. The Southern Tourist Board is reporting a "sharp increase" in demand for hotels and guest houses over the three-day period. Leslie Burrow, manager of the Park Court Hotel in Bayswater, London, said he expected the hotel to be full: "We already have a high occupancy rate for that weekend and a large number of those who have booked are coming for the celebrations."

The Holiday Inn, Mayfair, and the Dorchester said they expected to be full: ""We have been very busy taking bookings for that weekend for the past month," a spokeswoman for the Dorchester said. Forte's London hotels, including Brown's, which is offering a special "wartime" menu of rabbit, baked apple and prune pancakes throughout May, are also fully booked.

The Southern Tourist Board said it was difficult to judge how many overseas travellers would be arriving because, unlike during last year's D-Day commemorations, many were coming independently.

A spokeswoman said there had been strong interest, both from home and overseas, in the many street parties and celebrations scheduled for the week. "We have seen a sharp increase in demand for bookings by telephone and we are receiving 50 inquiries a day about VE-Day events round the country. Our office in New York has handled hundreds of telephone inquiries."

A number of tours for the week organised by American companies are following the route of last year's D-Day commemorations through London, southern England, the coastal towns of Weymouth, Portsmouth and Southampton, and then across the Channel to Normandy. One operator, Boston-based Galaxy Tours, said it had a party of 700 Americans travelling to London for the celebrations.



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Tough stance reverses Cold War policy

Britain to curb influx of Cubans to Caymans

BY MICHAEL BINYON, AND DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

BRITAIN announced yesterday that any Cuban boat people arriving in the Cayman Islands would be forcibly returned to Cuba if it was found that they were not political refugees.

The tough line was decided because of the continuing influx of boat people and the exhaustion of patience, money and resources in the British dependent territory. Since last summer 1,184 Cubans have arrived on the islands, which have a population of only 30,000. Britain has had to send police to the Caymans, and there is rising tension between the islanders and the new arrivals.

Britain has never sent anybody back to Cuba, but has obtained an assurance in Havana that none of those returned would be prosecuted.

The Clinton Administration announced in a change of policy yesterday that it will allow thousands of Cubans detained in camps at the Guantánamo Bay naval base to enter the United States, but in future, no more Cubans who try to leave the island by sea will be allowed in.

The almost unprecedented joint agreement with Havana, ends three decades of special treatment for Cubans who were picked up at sea and brought to American shores. Under a Cold War policy, Cubans automatically were allowed to claim political asylum.

The announcement exposed deep divisions in Miami's large and influential Cuban community, which welcomed the news that refugees at Guantánamo will be granted special entry permits. But overall, exiles' leaders declared that the agreement marked a "black day" in their struggle against Fidel Castro, the Cuban leader.

"It is shameful, grotesque and immoral," said Lincoln Diaz Balart, one of two Cuban-Americans representing Miami in Congress. "How can this country send Cubans fleeing the tyranny of Castro back into the arms of the dictator?" He added that the announcement by Britain smelt of a conspiracy between Washington, London and Cuba's secret police.

Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, who made the announcement at the White House, said that the policy was motivated by humanitarian concerns to discourage more Cubans from risking their lives by trying to reach Florida in home-made rafts and unseaworthy boats. But some observers speculated that Washington may also be responding to rising national concern over the burden of illegal immigration on public services. After the success last year of Proposition 187 in California, which calls for denying services to undocumented immigrants, similar proposals are being discussed in Florida.

Last summer nearly 35,000 Cubans fled the island by sea after Cuba lifted border controls. The exodus was halted after Washington began intercepting them and transferring them to makeshift camps at the US naval station of Guantánamo Bay on Cuba's southeast coast.

Cuba has given a commitment that those seeking visas to leave the island will suffer no reprisals and that US consular officials will be allowed to monitor the repatriation of Cuban rafters at local ports. Experts say the policy is likely to cut the flow of rafters almost completely, since it is virtually impossible for boats to reach Florida without being detected by the US Coast Guard vessels that patrol the Florida Straits.

Jean-Marie Le Pen yesterday: "Who profits from this crime?"

Moroccan death poisons French poll campaign

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THE murder of a young Moroccan in Paris brought an ugly note to the French presidential campaign yesterday as the two candidates blamed followers of the far Right National Front and Jean-Marie Le Pen, the movement's leader, said that the authorities were behind the killing.

While Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist contender, and Lionel Jospin, the Socialist, prepared for a television debate last night, police reported that skinhead youths had attacked Brahim Bouarram, 29, and thrown him into the Seine as a parade of 10,000 National Front supporters marched through Paris behind M Le Pen on Monday. As M Bouarram drowned, witnesses watched his killers run back into the march, they said. Three youths were detained yesterday for questioning.

The murder triggered an avalanche of condemnation from politicians and rights campaigners. They described it and the recent murder by National Front militants of an African in Marseilles as symptoms of the racist creed preached by M Le Pen, who gained fresh notoriety and power by winning 15 per cent in the first round of voting.

Rights groups demanded the dissolution of M Le Pen's movement, which draws its power mainly by exploiting hostility to foreigners in France.

M Chirac called the Moroccan's death *"a savage act that* appears to be racist". M Jospin termed it "a new racist crime perpetrated by a group of individuals who practise violence systematically". Alain Juppé, the Foreign Minister and M Chirac's right-hand man, sent France's regrets to the Moroccan Government and apologised to its ambassador. M Juppé said on television: "When you sow hatred, you never know what you will harvest."

M Le Pen struck out in vitriolic form, depicting the murder as an officially inspired attempt to blacken his movement and part of a witch-hunt against him. "Who profits from the crime?" he asked at a press conference.

He added that the dead man was "the victim of a provocation aimed at hiding our political message in a highly strategic period between the two rounds of the presidential election". The attackers were not involved in the march, M Le Pen said, recalling that his security men always banned anyone dressed in the skinhead style from his gatherings. He asked why the hundreds of police on duty on Monday had failed to prevent the murder.

His claims compounded the revulsion of the Left-leaning media, which have been lamenting over the past week that 4.6 million citizens voted for a man whose ideology and rhetoric hark back to the Fascist movements of the wartime period. They also noted the echoes of a day in 1961 when the Paris police threw dozens of Arab demonstrators into the Seine. An unknown number drowned.

Le Monde recalled that 553 racial attacks were reported in the four years to 1994. "France is getting used to this, just as it is getting used to the National Front marches in the heart of Paris and its posters promising 'With Le Pen, three million immigrants will be sent home'," it said.

In the conservative *Le Figaro*, however, Alain Peyrefitte, a Gaullist elder statesman, said M Le Pen's voters were "the product of the Mitterrand era and its economic and social failures".

Mandela attacked on threat to KwaZulu

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT MANDELA of South Africa was widely criticised yesterday for his threat to withdraw funding from the KwaZulu/Natal provincial legislature and accused of running a dictatorship.

"To use taxpayers' money to punish those who spearhead any opposition to the [African National Congress] reveals the dictatorship that is inherent in the ANC's structures and leadership," said Dr Ziba Jiyane, Secretary-General of the Inkatha Freedom Party, which controls KwaZulu/Natal. He said the President was using the provincial budget as a tool to browbeat the region. Mr Mandela said at a rally near Durban at the weekend that he would withdraw funding from the provincial legislature if Inkatha continued to threaten to disrupt his Government. The President was later forced to flee in an armoured vehicle after shots were fire and fighting broke out between rival political factions.

The liberal Democratic Party said his statement was disturbing. The radical Pan-Africanist Congress accused him of exceeding "democratic norms", and the National Party warned him not to "resort to blackmail politics".

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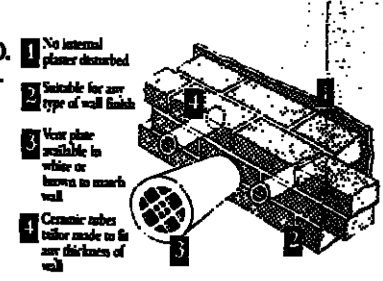

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FBI arrests two more Oklahoma suspects

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

DOZENS of FBI agents raided a Missouri motel at dawn yesterday and arrested two men in what appeared to be a breakthrough in the hunt for the Oklahoma City bombers.

On Monday evening the FBI had issued a nationwide alert for the two men and the white Ford Thunderbird with Arizona registration plates they were believed to be driving. Within hours a Missouri policeman had spotted the car outside the Kel Lake motel near the town of Carthage. The FBI surrounded the building during the night.

The two men, Gary Land and Robert Jacks, were being held as "material witnesses", which means investigators were searching for the evidence required to charge them formally with complicity in the bombing, but they clearly had close links to Timothy McVeigh, the first man charged with the bombing.

Like Mr McVeigh, they lived in cheap motels in Kingman, Arizona, in the months before the April 19 bombing. On that day, they checked into a motel in Vinita, Oklahoma, a small town 150 miles northeast of Oklahoma City. On April 20 they registered at a motel in Perry, Oklahoma, the town where Mr McVeigh had been stopped for speeding and was taken into custody barely 90 minutes after the explosion.

Later that day the two men left Perry and returned to Vinita, suggesting that they had found out where Mr McVeigh was. He was not identified as a suspect in the bombing until the following day, April 21. The *Los Angeles Times* reported that a surveillance camera had filmed the Thunderbird near the bombed Alfred Murrah Building in Oklahoma City.

The FBI would not confirm reports that Mr Land, 35, was the man in the composite sketch who has been hunted by agents for the past 11 days. Mr Jacks is thought to be in his mid-50s, but few other details of the men were available. Employees at the motels in Kingman described them as unemployed loners who drank a lot of beer. Like Mr McVeigh, they paid their rent in cash, and left the motels saying that they were heading for Oklahoma.

FBI agents gather outside the home of Michael Fortier during a raid on the property in Kingman, Arizona. He fled the scene before the FBI arrived

The death toll in Oklahoma City rose to 146 yesterday with 20 still missing. Rescuers had, however, already brought in heavy equipment to remove rubble after abandoning hope of finding more survivors.

Five men have now been arrested on bombing charges since the Oklahoma attack. James and Terry Nichols, who are friends of Mr McVeigh, have not been accused of direct involvement in the explosion, but are being held on related bomb charges. The two brothers shared Mr McVeigh's hostility towards the Government and helped him to experiment with home-made bombs.

Investigators have now found a receipt in Terry Nichols' Kansas home for the purchase of 2,000lb of ammonium nitrate last September. Ammonium nitrate was the fertiliser used in the bomb, and Mr McVeigh's fingerprints were reportedly found on the receipt.

Investigators also spent Monday searching part of a Kansas lake where they believe the bomb was assembled. Witnesses claim to have seen the yellow van parked by the lake two days before the bombing, and investigators have reportedly found traces of ammonium nitrate and fuel oil there.

On Monday, the FBI also searched the trailer home of Michael Fortier, an army friend of Mr McVeigh's, and took away several bags and boxes. Mr Fortier left his home in Kingman shortly before the FBI arrived.

Rwandan troops on trial

Kigali: A Rwandan military court started to try soldiers from the Tutsi-dominated army yesterday, pledging to show that the armed forces were not above the law.

Fourteen Rwanda Patriotic Army soldiers were charged with aggravated murder and robbery. None were implicated in the massacre by government troops of thousands of Hutus in a refugee camp last month.

But the trials of more than 30,000 Hutus, who have been accused of involvement in the genocide of the Tutsi minority last year before the Rwandan Patriotic Front seized power, were put off indefinitely because of lack of resources, officials said. *(Reuter)*

Atomic experts cleared by FBI

Washington: An FBI review of secret documents has cleared four prominent physicists who worked on the Manhattan Project to build the first atomic bomb of spying for the Soviet Union. The claims about Robert Oppenheimer, Niels Bohr, Enrico Fermi and Leo Szilard, were made in a book.

Packer's gold safe is looted

Sydney: Police investigating the theft of £2.4 million of gold from Australia's richest man have appealed for clues. At least two people are thought to have broken into the Sydney offices of media magnate Kerry Packer's Consolidated Press Holdings, using a blowtorch to cut their way into his personal safe. *(Reuter)*

Panda killer gets 18 years' jail

Peking: Yan Daorong, a farmer who trapped and killed a rare giant panda for its pelt, hoping to make a big profit, has been jailed for 18 years by a court in Guangyuan. Yao skinned the panda on the spot and gave the pelt to a gang of poachers, who were arrested after trying to sell it in nearby cities. *(AP)*

Watergate plotter stirs new controversy

Gordon Liddy hosts a programme for Talk Radio. He is accused of using rhetoric that encourages violence

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

EMBARRASSED Republicans abruptly cancelled plans to honour Gordon Liddy, mastermind of the Watergate break-in, after he advised Talk Radio listeners to shoot federal firearms agents in the head or groin in self-defence.

The "advice", coming after the Oklahoma bombing, led to an invitation for Mr Liddy to speak at a fundraising dinner for Talk Radio in Washington last night being withdrawn. The event was organised by the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

Mr Liddy, a man of iron discipline who served nearly five years in prison for Watergate, has been accused of using rhetoric that encourages violence. He recently acknowledged that he once drew figures on rifle targets and named them after President and Hillary Clinton because he thought "it might improve my aim". He has told listeners that in a government raid for weapons they should aim, although only in self-defence, for the head because agents usually wear bulletproof vests. Last week he augmented his advice by saying that if a head shot did not work "then shoot to the groin area".

His remarks were seen as fomenting paranoia among disaffected paramilitary groups, like those identified since the Oklahoma bombing who fear that government agents will launch Waco-style raids against them. But Mr Liddy said: "I don't feel I'm fuelling the lunatic fringe."

Nominee is under fire

Washington: Henry Foster, President Clinton's embattled nominee for Surgeon-General, attended a Senate confirmation hearing yesterday where he faced Republican attacks over the number of abortions he has performed (Ian Brodie writes).

The obstetrician and gynaecologist from Tennessee originally mentioned one, then said it was less than a dozen, and later disclosed he had been the "physician of record" for 39, plus supervisor of drug trials in which 55 pregnancies were terminated. He admitted it had been a mistake to answer reporters' questions from memory without fully checking his records. "But it was an honest mistake," he said.

Opera is sued over sexual discrimination

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

IN A new variation on an old tune, a woman is suing the New York Metropolitan Opera for discrimination on the ground that she lost her job as an assistant stage director because she is heterosexual.

In a suit filed in Manhattan federal court Martha Ellen Brennen, 48, claims the opera's executive stage director, David Kneuss, was biased against heterosexuals and routinely gave better assignments to homosexual men. After complaining about discrimination in 1993 she was dismissed, the suit alleges.

Ms Brennan claims she was "horribly wronged" by New York's premier opera house and sacked after seven years of working for the company, despite an unblemished record, "because she was over 40 and not homosexual or bisexual and was a woman".

The suit alleges that senior executives at The Met "permitted numerous objectionable pictures of young males in various stages of nudity to be exhibited in the work place". Ms Brennan says she lost her job a few days after she complained about the pictures to the general director of the company, Joseph Volpe. Ms Brennan wants the job back.

"We are not going to have any comment until we have had a chance to review the case," a spokesman for the opera house said.

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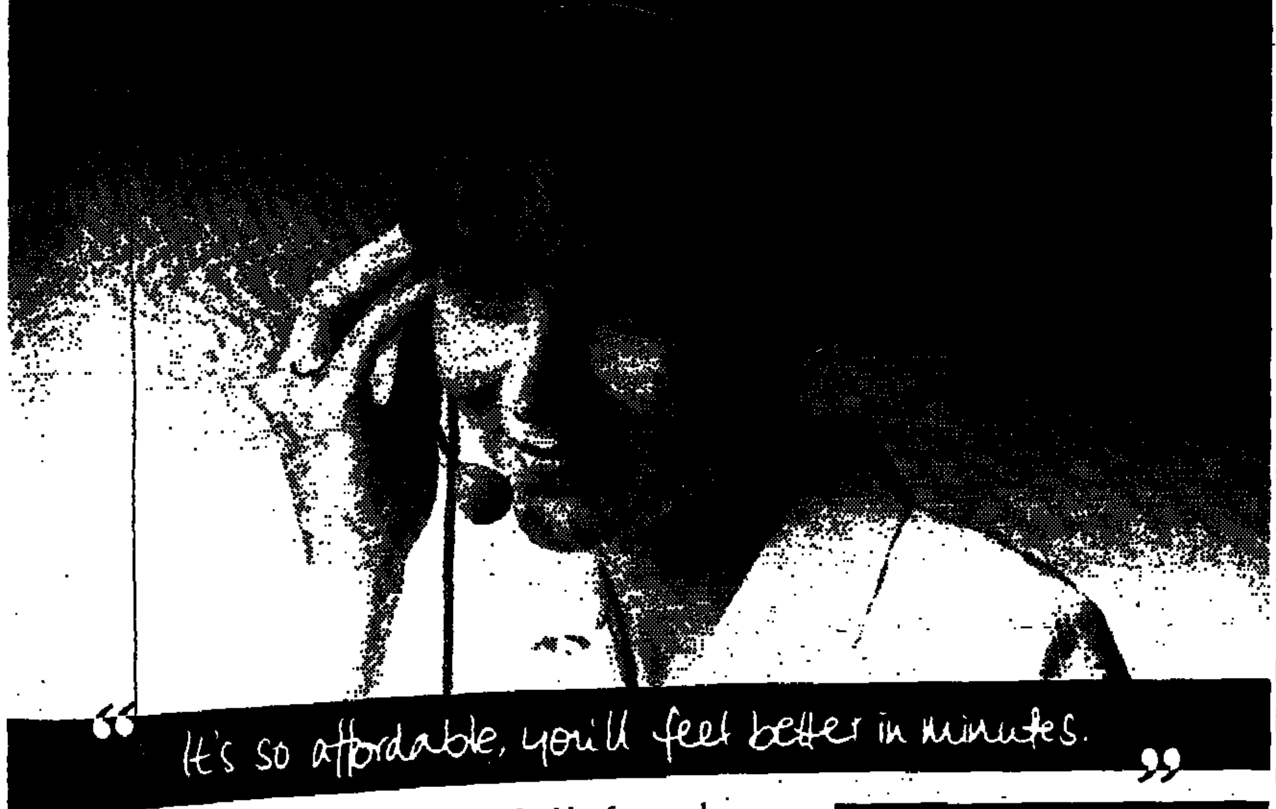

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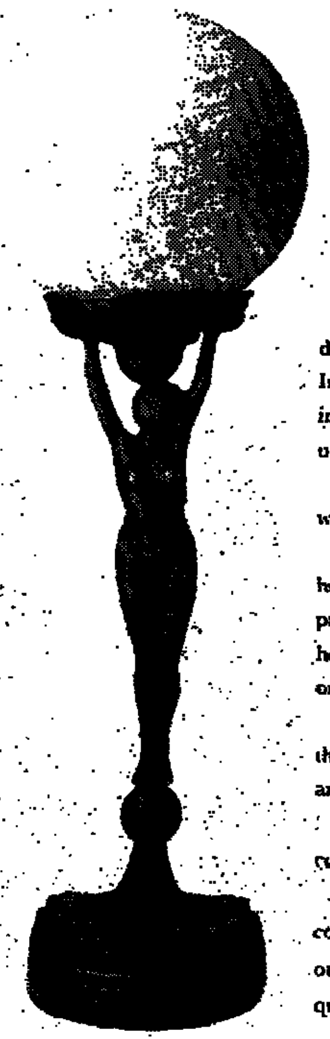

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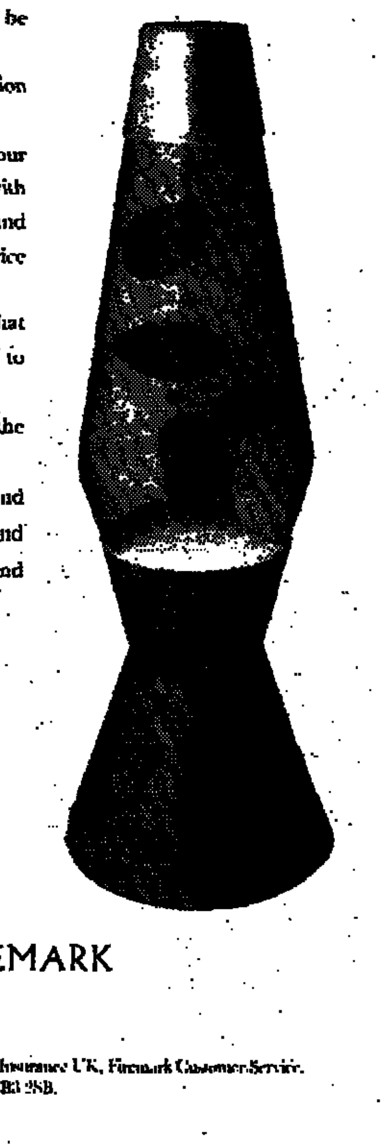

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Karadzic vows to regain every foot taken by Croats

By Eve-Ann Prentice, diplomatic correspondent

RADOVAN KARADZIC, the Bosnian Serb leader, vowed yesterday that his forces would "defend every Serb" after Croatian attacks on separatist Serbs in Croatia and Bosnia. He also issued a veiled threat to United Nations troops.

The offensive by Franjo Tudjman, the Croatian President, against the Serbs is trebly dangerous: it brings the dreaded wider Balkan war nearer and it indicates that Serbs and Croats are out of the control of the great powers. Worse, Russia and America show signs of becoming perilously estranged as they each support opposing sides more openly.

Fred Eckhard, spokesman for the UN peacekeeping force in Croatia, said the military push had been "a major blow" and had "wrecked very many months of efforts" by the UN "to restore confidence on both sides". Croatia told European Union countries, including France and Germany, that the offensive was limited but diplomats said it was clear that a line had been crossed and there was no guarantee that fighting would now stop.

Dr Karadzic said: "This attack clearly shows that even if we didn't want to be united, our enemies keep us united since they treat us equally. That obliges us to . . . regain every metre taken by the Croats." The Bosnian Serb leader said he was now free to ignore all Security Council resolutions and issued a veiled warning that he would take back weapons stored at UN weapons collections points.

The vicious circle of war in the Balkans was always likely to turn back to the central conflict between Serbs and Croats. The Muslims in Bosnia were essentially caught in the middle of the grand designs of Belgrade and Zagreb to control as much land as possible when the break-up of Yugoslavia became inevitable. Croatia would like to be rid of the Serb areas in the republic and closer to Croats in Bosnia. Serbs in Serbia, Bosnia and Croatia would like to link up and control a large swath of land stretching from Belgrade to the Adriatic.

Since neither side achieved these aims at the beginning of the Yugoslav conflict in 1991, a resumption of the unfinished Serb-Croat war was almost inevitable. It was also most likely to re-erupt in Croatia because President Tudjman has been under enormous political pressure to tackle the secessionist Serbs living in the Krajina region. These Serbs have been providing important military and political support to the Bosnian Serbs, and are a source of constant irritation to the Croat regime.

Serbs have been able to sit and wait. President Milosevic of Serbia is trying to persuade the international community that it is doing all it can to persuade the Bosnian Serbs to sign a peace treaty, in the hope that more UN sanctions against it will be suspended. Serbs in Bosnia can also bide their time, at least until the Muslim-led Bosnian army begins its expected full-scale spring offensive, because they already control 70 per cent of the republic.

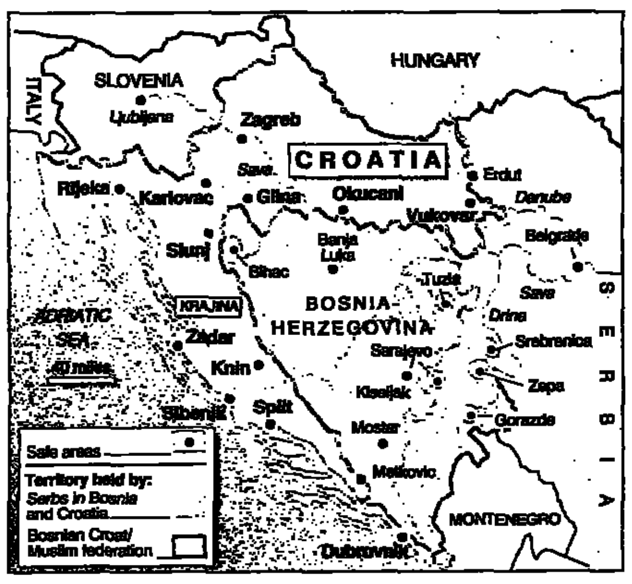
The Croatian attack also casts doubt on repeated assurances from Zagreb that it would do everything possible to reduce tensions over the Krajina region. Croatia hopes to negotiate a potentially lucrative trade deal with the European Union. It was against that background that President Tudjman backed off from a threat to expel UN peacekeepers and finally agreed in March to allow a reduced force to remain in place.

Simon Jenkins, page 18

Death comes to the streets of Zagreb, the Croatian capital, after a retaliatory rocket strike by rebel Serbs yesterday

CROATIA FACTFILE

☐ *Population — 4.7 million*
☐ Vicious fighting broke out between Serbs and Croats in Croatia in the summer, autumn and winter of 1991. Months before the Bosnian war had even started, the world reeled from scenes of devastation in towns such as Vukovar, Osijek and Dubrovnik. A tenuous ceasefire was signed in January 1992.
☐ Under pressure from Germany, Croatia gained international recognition and was admitted to the *United Nations in May 1992.*
☐ Serbs effectively control four separate zones in Croatia and the uneasy truce between Serbs and Croats in the republic has been policed by peacekeepers of the UN.
☐ President Tudjman of Croatia accused the UN of effectively maintaining the secessionist Serb areas and, last October, said that he would *not* renew the peacekeepers' mandate after March this year. He relented eventually, but on his terms, insisting that the United Nations force must be scaled down and that it *must police the borders* between Croatia and Bosnia and Serbia.



Planners spend months on dreaded pullout

By Michael Evans
defence correspondent

THE nightmare option for the United Nations and Nato is coming closer — the withdrawal of the 44,000 UN peacekeepers from the former Yugoslavia as renewed fighting breaks out in different areas of the divided region.

Endless contingency planning has been carried out by Nato. Only last week, Lieutenant-General Mike Walker, the British commander of Nato's new 100,000-man Rapid Reaction Corps, which has been selected for the job of evacuating the troops, expressed confidence that his soldiers were ready to go if called upon by the UN.

The political assessment is very different, however. Nato ambassadors and foreign ministries seem almost united in their dread of having to authorise a withdrawal. They know that, however good the planning, a withdrawal operation will always be threatened by the unpredictability of the civil war, the mountainous terrain and the limited number of routes that Nato forces could use.

There are too many questions that cannot be answered until the operation begins; for example, how the warring parties react, how many civilians will have to be evacuated, and whether there will be widespread civil protests to prevent the peacekeepers from leaving. "We could have any number of contingency plans for withdrawing civilians from Bosnia but they would probably all be pretty worthless," a Nato source said.

Nato has been working for months on a withdrawal plan, numbered 40104. The final draft is so detailed and thick that it looks as if the alliance is preparing for a war of its own.

Nato foreign ministers on the North Atlantic Council will meet in The Netherlands this month to review the plan, which involves the deployment of about 40,000 troops from the Rapid Reaction Corps. However, senior diplomatic sources said there was little chance that the strategy would be approved. "They're more likely to call for further work on the same lines," one Nato ambassador said.

The reluctance to withdraw leaves the UN with only two other options for the mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Either the 20,000 peacekeepers there carry on with their present mandate in the hope that their continued presence will provide some form of stability even as the fighting increases; or agreement must be reached to send reinforcements to boost the security of the peacekeepers. The French have already demanded better protection.

Talk of all-out war, however, is both premature and unrealistic. None of the factions has the luxury of a proper war economy and neither the Bosnian Serbs nor the Muslim-Croat federation forces have the mobility or flexibility to launch widescale attacks. Operations tend to be concentrated in small pockets, and much of the region is relatively peaceful.

Chechens thwart Yeltsin's hopes for VE-Day

From Richard Beeston
in Moscow

CHECHEN rebels have launched a determined counter-attack against Russian troops in the breakaway Caucasus republic, in a move timed to embarrass the Kremlin before next week's VE-Day celebrations in Moscow.

According to Russian military sources, at least four Russian soldiers have been killed and 13 wounded since the offensive began on Monday in Grozny, the Chechen capital, shattering the unilateral ceasefire announced by Moscow last week.

The Russians reported that they had come under fire in Grozny in 35 separate incidents, including an attack on the military headquarters. In the bloodiest incident, a Russian troop column was ambushed on Monday night as it entered Grozny, leaving three Interior Ministry troops dead, eight wounded and three armoured personnel carriers destroyed.

The Russians have attempted to regain control by imposing a dusk to dawn curfew, but it has had little effect, partly because Russian commanders are under strict orders not to inflame the situation.

"There is sporadic Chechen fire on Russian positions," Colonel Sergei Volgin said, adding that Russian forces were ordered to return fire but not to engage the enemy. "The Chechen rebels are trying to provoke Russian troops into violating the ceasefire."

The upsurge in violence is likely to embarrass President Yeltsin, who came under fierce international criticism for his offensive against Chechenia, estimated to have cost 25,000 lives. The Russian leader had hoped that the Caucasus would have calmed down in time for the VE-Day parade, which human rights groups have called on Western leaders to boycott. Now, however, the Chechen conflict could overshadow the Moscow ceremony on Tuesday, which is expected to attract 50 world leaders, including John Major, President Clinton, President Mitterrand of France and Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor.

It seems clear that the Kremlin leader's offer of a unilateral ceasefire played straight into the hands of General Dzhokhar Dudayev, the Chechen rebel leader. His separatist forces not only turned down his offer, but have decided to launch their most concerted counter-offensive since they lost Grozny two months ago.

In his latest interview from a mountain hideaway in the south of the country, the Chechen leader predicted that the world community would still come to the rescue of his besieged nation.

"For the first time in history the civilised world has subjected the aggressor to scathing criticism," General Dudayev told the *Moskovsky Komsomolets* newspaper. "The whole world has become aware of this evil and it should be treated in the same way as fascism."

Although outnumbered and worn out by four months of fighting, the skilled guerrillas will be difficult to dislodge from their positions hidden in woodland near Grozny, from where they can attack the exposed Russian forces at will. Most of Russia's combat battalions of marines and paratroopers have been withdrawn from the area, leaving the poorly trained and ill-disciplined Interior Ministry troops to take the brunt of the fighting.

Falcone murder trial opens in Sicily

From John Phillips
in Rome

THE trial of 41 Mafia dons and "men of honour" alleged to have assassinated Judge Giovanni Falcone, his wife and three bodyguards on the road to Palermo in 1992 in a bombing that shook Italian democracy began at last yesterday.

Security was extraordinarily tight at a specially built bunker court in the Sicilian town of Caltanisetta, whose investigating magistrates were given the task of tracking down the killers. The alleged *Capo dei Capi*, "boss of bosses", Salvatore "Toto" Riina, kept the court waiting for two hours because the police helicopter from Palermo was delayed by bad weather. Signor Riina looked calm inside a bullet-proof glass cage as the proceedings began.

Eleven other alleged mobsters were present, including Nitto Santapaola, another member of the Mafia's ruling commission who ran the organisation in Catania. The hearing was adjourned twice this year because of technical problems, including the tardy appointment of jurors.

The two prosecutors, Paolo Giordano and Luca Tescaroli, said: "We realise it will be a complex and very dificult case." They hoped that emerging evidence would lead to further investigations but stopped short of accepting criticism by the dead judge's sister, Maria Falcone, who has protested that the real masterminds of the bombing, including politicians with links to the Mafia and uncontrollable members of Italy's services, have not been brought to trial.

"The responsibility of Cosa Nostra for the massacre has been made clear," they said.

Riina: accused of assassinating a judge near Palermo

Red tape hits fight against EU fraud

From Stewart Tendler
crime correspondent
in Maastricht

INVESTIGATIONS into multi-million pound fraud within the European Union can be launched with a single telephone call, but prosecuting a criminal is often delayed for months by national bureaucracies, a senior Brussels official said yesterday.

Moves to overcome the legal problems are being stalled by powerful opposition. Britain is believed to be one of several members dragging their heels. Siegfred Reinke, the adviser and deputy director of the EU's anti-fraud unit, said that better international cooperation and the recruitment of more investigators from across Europe into his unit now meant that cases could be started very quickly. However, he said: "It seems member states, at least ministers of justice and home affairs, believe in prewar nationalism."

Speaking at a conference of European journalists in Maastricht, Herr Reinke gave the example of a case initiated in Rotterdam that involved Italy. The Dutch, he said, would send a request for legal help to the Ministry of Justice in The Hague. It would then be passed to the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs for agreement. Once the request had been accepted in The Hague, it would go to Rome where the same process would start all over again among the Italian ministries. By the time the bureaucrats had finished, the papers would be several months late, Herr Reinke pointed out.

It was possible for cases to be lost, he added, because the delays meant the limitation on prosecutions passed. Questions over extradition, decisions on who should be the lead prosecutor and carry out the legal side of the investigations had to be decided, he said.

Talks began in February in Brussels over a new convention on EU fraud. Herr Reinke said: "Member states who cry the loudest against fraud are the most reluctant to agree." He refused to be drawn when asked if he was referring to Britain.

Overall last year, there were 4,200 cases of fraud reported by member states involving about £339 million.

Stolen moments in Cairo

Cairo: Giant television consoles caught out a pair of delegates attending a United Nations conference here on crime prevention. The pair were projected discreetly exchanging caresses.

For other delegates, the problem has been more serious: a rash of petty thefts with sneak thieves striking behind the backs of experts and ministers discussing mafias and terrorism.

"As soon as you turn around everything disappears from the office," an Austrian in the UN press office complained yesterday. "We found our boxes of documents opened and emptied. I can understand stealing a camera or pens, but paper?"

But Daniel Dans, the Belgian head of UN security, felt that besides a few small thefts "everything is calm and going perfectly". Mr Dans did confess to one problem: "Only six of my men speak Arabic and the Arab police speak little, if any, English." (*AFP*)

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Kaunda predicts Zambia 'explosion'

By Eve-Ann Prentice, Diplomatic Correspondent

KENNETH KAUNDA, the former Zambian President, predicted yesterday "an explosion" in his country and called for early elections to enable him to run again for the leadership.

"The nation is now very badly divided," Dr Kaunda, 70, said during a visit to London. "The gap between rich and poor is growing bigger and bigger, and that is extremely dangerous. I cannot pretend that an explosion will not be inevitable from angry people from the grassroots level up."

The man who was "Father of the Nation" for nearly 30 years after independence from Britain in 1964 says he launched his re-election attempt at the end of last year after a four-month tour of the country trying to assess its problems and his own popularity with the people. Elections are not due until October next year, but Dr Kaunda began campaigning in earnest in January.

"The rural areas are devastated, our agriculture has gone, and in the urban areas 200,000 of 350,000 jobs have disappeared. As a nation, we are now making nothing, just reselling goods we have imported and paid for with donor funds," he said.

Dr Kaunda, who is believed to be supported by his old friends in the African National Congress in South Africa, has held a series of rallies to test the political temperature, and says: "Mothers come half-dressed, their breasts bare and feeding their infants, weeping and crying. They said, 'You must come back, we are suffering'."

Dr Kaunda, who once danced with Baroness Thatcher and years later accused her of "kissing apartheid", says that the present Government of Frederick Chiluba, which came to power in 1991, is crippling the country's economy and that soaring prices for mealie meal, new medical fees and even mortuary costs are causing deep unrest in Zambia.

The teetotal, vegetarian son of a Malawian Church of Scotland pastor, who jogs and plays golf and table tennis to keep fit, is in Britain on his way to a conference in the United States. He is being accompanied on his visit by Rabbison Chongo, his former Finance Minister, and an aide.

Dr Kaunda says that he was reconciled to retirement from politics after his defeat in 1991. "I gave in. I met Chiluba, I took him to the library and I briefed him. I said, 'Mr President, if you ever need my services, I will do all I can. God bless you and goodbye'."

He then embarked on a series of foreign tours and "was settling down to this kind of life" when he was approached last year by a delegation of opposition politicians. "They asked me, 'Old man, things are not going well. Why don't you come back?'" Dr Kaunda was hailed as a national hero in Zambia until the mid-1970s when the world price of copper, the nation main export, collapsed. The economy suffered further when Dr Kaunda cut off relations with Zimbabwe — then Rhodesia — and offered a haven to Joshua Nkomo's guerrilla fighters.

One of Dr Kaunda's main problems in persuading Zambians to re-elect him is his age. "People are fond of him, but some feel that he belongs to the past," Dr Chaloka Beyani, of the Oxford University Refugee Studies Centre, said earlier this year.

As far as age is concerned, Dr Kaunda can point to the example of Nelson Mandela, 77, as well as probably being able to count on the South African President's support because ANC exiles were encouraged to establish their main base in Lusaka, the Zambian capital, during the apartheid years. "Ever since I started this crusade, the Government has been frightened stiff. My return to politics has stabilised the situation, though, because people can now hope that something better can take place."

Dr Kaunda's prediction of unrest in Zambia comes after an earlier gloomy forecast. Weeks after his defeat in 1991, Dr Kaunda wrote a poem while on holiday in Kenya which contains the lines "Lord, how dare we sleep when Burundi and Rwanda refuse to sleep?"

TONY WHITE

Kenneth Kaunda yesterday: Zambia's economy "is being crippled"

Banda's lawyers press case for murder mistrial

From Inigo Gilmore in Johannesburg

THE British-led defence team in the trial of the former dictator of Malawi, Dr Hastings Banda, yesterday attempted to have the murder case against him and his aides dismissed after their client again failed to appear because of ill health.

Dr Banda's personal physician, Heatherwick Ntaba, submitted a report saying that the former President was suffering dangerously high blood pressure. He feared that Dr Banda could have a stroke if he were forced to attend court.

"It is my view that Dr Banda will be unable to stand six hours' strain, five days a week," Dr Ntaba said, adding that his patient had collapsed last week when he tried to climb steps at his home.

Dr Banda, who is said to be nearly 100 years old, John Tembo, his close associate and former Cabinet minister, "Mama" Cecelia Kadzamira, the dictator's long-time companion, and three policemen are accused of killing four politicians in 1983. Three of the victims — Aaron Gadama, Dick Matenj and Twaibu Sangala — were Cabinet ministers, while the fourth, David Chiwanga, was an MP.

They are alleged to have been murdered for opposing Mr Tembo's appointment as acting President during Dr Banda's absence from the country. Judge Mackson Mkandawire has rejected an application for bail for Mr Tembo, and Dr Banda is under house arrest.

George Stambrook, QC, argued there should be a mistrial because of Dr Banda's health and the lack of substantial evidence. He said the trial had been prejudiced because of international coverage and the Government's decision to exhume the victims' bodies before proceedings started.

More than 200 women from Dr Banda's Malawi Congress Party petitioned the court on Friday saying that he was too old and frail to appear. "The High Court has numerous steps at the entrance which would present a formidable and impossible physical challenge for the former President," the petition said.

Last week, the judge delayed the start of the trial, which had already been postponed, because the prosecution had failed to submit details of the charges to the defence team three weeks before, as required by law. Kamudoni Nyasulu, the Director of Public Prosecutions, said that the trial should begin whether Dr Banda was present or not.

India swelters in summertime blues

From Christopher Thomas in Delhi

THE Indian summer has started early. Bombay, the commercial capital, fumed and sweated for more than four hours without electricity after the overloaded power distribution system died.

A dust storm pulverised Delhi on Monday night, covering the city in a fresh layer of grime, while telephone lines and power cables crashed to the ground. The storm shut out the sun for a while, bringing respite from one of the hottest early summer days on record.

There is drought almost everywhere, with rivers dry, villages evacuated and wells empty. Calcutta is shrivelling from one of its worst heatwaves, with temperatures in some districts touching nearly 45C (113F). It is the time of year when India prays for rain, still weeks away for most areas.

Malaria, which killed thousands last year, has reappeared from Assam in the east to Rajasthan in the west, claiming a formidable toll of lives early in the season. The army has been called out in Assam to fill in stagnant ponds to halt mosquito breeding — a belated, inadequate answer to a menace greater than last year's plague panic.

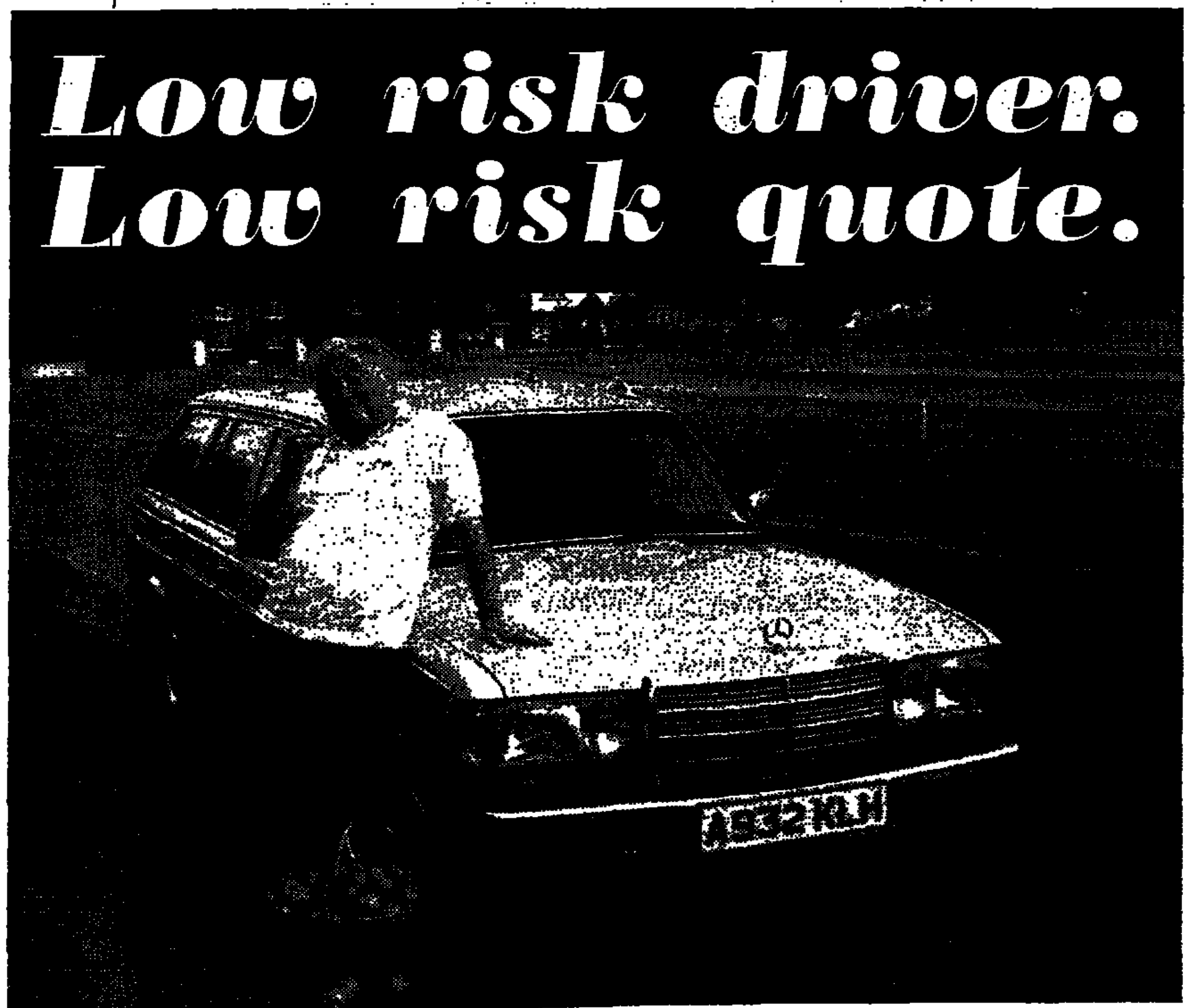
Delhi is short of water and trees are dying because the widespread use of tubewells has lowered the water table beyond the reach of roots. Monday's dust storm was like a massive hair-dryer blowing hot air through the city. Bombay, a city of ten million, has suffered twice in two weeks from a collapse of electricity supplies. Monday's breakdown also affected many other cities in Maharashtra state, where Bombay is located. Commuter trains that carry millions of people home to the distant suburbs, where most Bombayites live, were disrupted, causing chaos on the roads and fights at railway stations and bus-stops.

There is unprecedented drought in Tripura state in the northeast. The town of Cherrapunji, 100 miles north of the affected region, is still listed in most guide books as the wettest place on earth. But that was before the forests were hacked down: it, too, has a drought.

Locusts plague Australia

Sydney: Locusts in the northern state of Queensland are threatening to become Australia's worst plague in 25 years.

"We could well be looking at a plague and that will spell disaster for rural Australia," said Elizabeth Bie, operations manager of the Australian Government's Plague Locust Commission. Spur-throated locusts have multiplied over the past two years, feeding on sorghum and sunflower crops. The worst hit areas have 50 locusts per square yard. *(Reuter)*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In the spring of 1930 *Vogue* magazine advised its readers about the finer points of dressing for the Season. "For Ascot you dress according to the weather. If it's bad, a frock of black satin with a white collar, a satin cardigan lined in white. If it's dull, a beige crêpe with dipping hem and a fox-edged cape. If it's fine, a flowered chiffon to the ground with a big-brimmed straw hat and gloves to the elbows."

Vogue took occasion dressing seriously. Fashion has loosened its dictatorial grip, yet some of these principles can still be applied for a special day out.

Whether attending Royal Ascot or any one of the forthcoming events which demand a certain dressiness — Henley, Cowes, a garden party or a summer wedding — guidelines continue to make good sense. Dressing up for social events can be difficult enough, so sticking to a basic colour palette such as black, beige and floral tones, or this season's ubiquitous pastel pink, provides less opportunity for things to go awry.

What is great this season is that fashion itself has a dressed-up air about it. The revamped retro images paraded on the international designer catwalks ("glamorous", "ladylike" and "polished" are the buzzwords this summer) offer the right mood for smart functions.

The key to occasion dressing is to maintain a well-turned-out appearance, while at the same time managing a certain carefree nonchalance. The ideal option this year is the latest interpretation of the suit — a dress and cardigan combination. Easy yet frightfully elegant. Comfortable but achingly chic.

Choose a simple, understated knee-length shift dress — remembering the colour code rules as laid down by those stylish ladies at *Vogue — and match it with a cute* cardigan *à la* Kim Novak, Tippi Hedren or Jackie O. With so many designers showing the sleeveless dress in their autumn collections it is a wise buy as it will continue to work long after summer has gone.

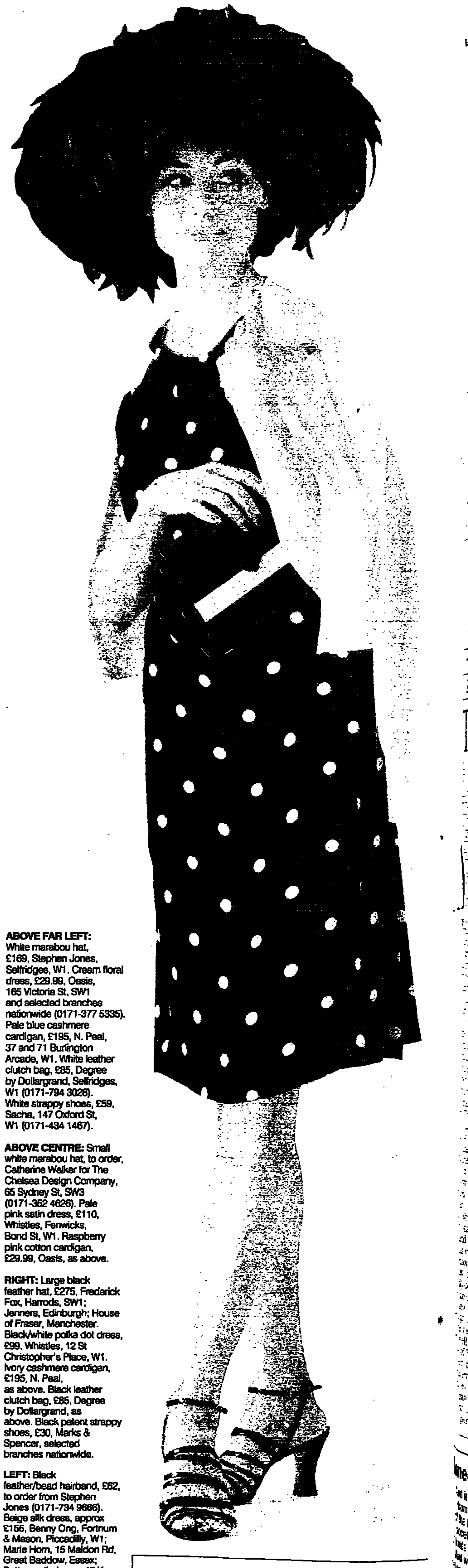
Look out for the latest cropped cardigans. Most labels have redesigned this classic (even the established cashmere houses such as N. Peal offer a shrunken version), or choose a size smaller than you might normally buy without risking too tight a fit.

Colour can be matched, as with the Whistles pale pink satin dress worn with a darker raspberry pink cardigan (pictured above), or offset, like the Oasis floral dress teamed with a sky-blue cardigan to pick out the print (left). "What looks really cute is to do up the top button of the cardigan and wear it around the *shoulders so it becomes an accessory,*" says Tierney Gifford Horne, the fashion director at *Harpers & Queen*. "It's very Grace Kelly."

Accessories, in dynamic black and white, enhance the spirit of sophistication. "These little shift dresses are great when accessorised with gloves and slingback sandals. It gives the outfit a finished touch," Gifford Horne says. "It's understated, feminine, and not at all about power dressing. However when you wore a suit you knew you were wearing a 'together' outfit, so these simple pieces have to be simply the best to work. Cardigans should be sea island cotton or cashmere."

The clutch bag makes a bold reappearance, exaggerated in extremes: either dainty and diminutive with just enough room for a powder compact and set of keys, or giant, dramatic and almost danger*ously unwieldy*.

Hats are fun again, echoing the retro styled fashions. Feathers appear in every shape and form, from tiny 1930s-style headbands to vast cartwheel picture hats. Fluffy, frivolous, fabulous hats. The Season starts here.



ABOVE FAR LEFT: White marabou hat, £169, Stephen Jones, Selfridges, W1. Cream floral dress, £29.99, Oasis, 165 Victoria St, SW1 and selected branches nationwide (0171-377 5335). Pale blue cashmere cardigan, £195, N. Peal, 37 and 71 Burlington Arcade, W1. White leather clutch bag, £85, Degree by Dollargrand, Selfridges, W1 (0171-794 3028). White strappy shoes, £59, Sacha, 147 Oxford St, W1 (0171-434 1467).

ABOVE CENTRE: Small white marabou hat, to order, Catherine Walker for The Chelsea Design Company, 65 Sydney St, SW3 (0171-352 4626). Pale pink satin dress, £110, Whistles, Fenwicks, Bond St, W1. Raspberry pink cotton cardigan, £29.99, Oasis, as above.

RIGHT: Large black feather hat, £275, Frederick Fox, Harrods, SW1; Jenners, Edinburgh; House of Fraser, Manchester. Black/white polka dot dress, £99, Whistles, 12 St Christopher's Place, W1. Ivory cashmere cardigan, £195, N. Peal, as above. Black leather clutch bag, £85, Degree by Dollargrand, as above. Black patent strappy shoes, £30, Marks & Spencer, selected branches nationwide.

LEFT: Black feather/bead hairband, £62, to order from Stephen Jones (0171-734 9666). Beige silk dress, approx £155, Benny Ong, Fortnum & Mason, Piccadilly, W1; Marie Horn, 15 Maldon Rd, Great Baddow, Essex; Butterworth Jones, 47 Kay St, Rawterstall. Dark blue cotton cardigan, £29.99, Warehouse, branches nationwide. Black patent/mesh stripe clutch bag, £11.95, Vanessa, Selfridges, W1. Black jersey gloves, £15.99, Cornelia James, Dickens & Jones (0171-734 7070). Black patent mules, £59.95, Sacha, as above

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The combination of fate and human frailty in the Baby Richard adoption case is worthy of Greek tragedy, says **Ben Macintyre**

'If our son is taken away, he loses his whole life — his family, his friends'

In the usually quiet Chicago suburbs last Sunday a weeping four-year-old boy was handed over by his adoptive parents, the only ones he had ever known, to a father he had never met, as a crowd of angry neighbours screamed "Monster!", camera shutters clicked and the television crews jostled for position.

It was a spectacle that has become grimly familiar in recent years in the United States, as the legal system here has struggled to reconcile the competing interests of biological and adoptive parents in a series of heart-rending child custody cases.

For many people in Chicago, where the case of "Baby Richard" has provided almost daily newsfodder for four years, Sunday's scene was a stark illustration of legal brutality. The child in question was just four days old when he was surrendered for adoption to a Chicago couple known only as John and Jane Doe in court papers. For all of his short life, until he suddenly became the legal child of a complete stranger, "Baby Richard" lived in happy ignorance of the furious legal contest being fought around him.

While Richard played with his adoptive brother, newspaper columnists, jurists and politicians weighed-in with emotive views on the case — the majority arguing, like Illinois Governor Jim Edgar, that the boy should not be "brutally, tragically torn away from the only parents he has ever known".

But the Baby Richard case is far more morally complex than such statements would suggest. Indeed, the competing demands of biological and adoptive parents may be more finely-balanced in this than in any of the other recent child-custody cases, the outcome of a combination of fates and human frailty worthy of Greek tragedy.

Baby Richard's father, Otakar Kirchner, was travelling in his native Czechoslovakia in March 1991 when a baby boy was born to his estranged girlfriend, Daniela Janikova.

Even before giving birth, the mother had heard unfounded rumours that Mr Kirchner had married another woman. Believing herself to have been abandoned, Ms Janikova gave the baby up for adoption at four days old, and told Mr Kirchner the child was dead. Mr Kirchner, a former concert violinist, discovered the truth when his son was 57 days old and already thriving under the doting care of his adoptive parents. He immediately hired a lawyer and demanded the return of his son. He was also reconciled with and later married Ms Janikova.

The Does have refused to budge ever since. "If our son is taken away, he loses his whole life — his grandparents, his brother, his friends. Everything he knows is gone," the adoptive father, a Chicago fireman, insisted.

Mr Kirchner was equally determined, pointing out that he had never renounced his parental rights to a son he had seen only in photographs until last weekend.

Initially the legal system favoured the adoptive parents. Citing a state law that requires a father to show reasonable interest in a child within 30 days, the lower courts rejected Mr Kirchner's custody claim. But the biological father pointed out that he could not have shown a reasonable interest since he had been told, and genuinely believed, his son was dead.

The Illinois Supreme Court accepted that argument, and declared the adoption invalid. Still the wrangling continued, involving the Governor, the Illinois General Assembly and a series of judges all the way up to the US Supreme Court, which twice refused to block the lower courts' decision.

Ruling to overturn the adoption, one State Supreme Court judge concluded that "the real fault here lies initially with the mother, who fraudulently tried to deprive the father of his rights ... and secondly with the adoptive parents and their attorney who proceeded with the adoption when they knew that the real father was out there and had been denied knowledge of his baby's existence." That conclusion, however, did little to address the crucial issue of Baby Richard's welfare.

Last week negotiations broke down completely and Mr Kirchner gave the Does 72 hours to relinquish his son. The Does called in the media, as they had long vowed to do if Richard was taken from them. Mr Kirchner, in turn, threatened to cut off all access to the boy if the handover became a media circus. He called the calculated appeal to public sympathy "atrocious". The Does' lawyer responded in kind: "We think that Mr Kirchner should not be shielded from the eyes of the world in doing this horrible act."

And so an inevitably anguished event was rendered positively lurid by ranks of television cameras and screaming supporters of the adoptive parents.

"Do you know what hell is?" shouted one enraged neighbour, as Mr Kirchner drove away with the distraught son he had only just met. Mr and Mrs Kirchner know one sort of hell, and the adoptive parents of Baby Richard know another.

But a little boy who sat on a strange bed on Sunday night and said he wanted to go home, surely now knows the most poignant hell of all.

BARRY JARVINEN/AP

Baby Richard is carried away by his natural father, as his distraught adoptive parents look on

BRITISH CASES

A CASE such as that of Baby Richard could and does happen here. Social workers confirmed yesterday that children taken into care in Britain may be fostered with the same family for two, three or four years before being placed for adoption with a new family or returned to their natural parents.

Three years ago, social workers in Bristol removed a two-year-old from foster parents who had raised her from eight weeks and placed her with a single mother. The foster parents, David and Diane Padfield, wanted to adopt the girl, who was a quarter Afro-Caribbean, but social workers decided she would be better off in a black family.

Difficulties in finding suitable long-term families, especially for black, Asian or mixed-race children, can lead to delays, during which children may build strong bonds with their temporary carers, increasing the trauma of subsequent separation.

Under the Children Act, social workers are required to put the interests of the child before those of its parents, whether natural or foster carers. If the natural parents change their mind and seek the return of their child, it can add to the delay. But the courts may not find in their favour.

A judge in Edinburgh last month overruled the natural parents of two Asian children and granted a Scots couple the right to adopt them, on condition that they teach them about their ethnic origins. The foster couple had looked after the children for six years.

JEREMY LAURANCE

A novel taste of criticism

What made a successful author ready to risk his readers' wrath?

Julia Llewellyn Smith finds out

The morning I visit Kazuo Ishiguro, there is a domestic drama. There is a vast hole in his living room ceiling, and bits of rubble rain randomly on to the plush grey carpet. "It collapsed at seven o'clock this morning," Ishiguro explains bemusedly, leading me through the large [illegible]. "Thank goodness we were still in bed or it might have fallen on our heads," exclaims his Glaswegian [illegible] builder thinks the shower pump exploded.

There is chaos in the placid north London suburbs, a neat metaphor for the chaos in Ishiguro's professional life. His fourth novel, *The Unconsoled*, published next week, is being heralded as a disaster. "Exhausting and daunting," said Margaret Forster in the *Literary Review*. "One of the most original, as well as boring, novels of the year," said the *Sunday Telegraph*. *Private Eye* was less equivocal: "a stinker", it pronounced.

Faber, Ishiguro's publishers, must have felt as shocked as if their ceilings had fallen down. This author was one of their surest bets. His first novel, *A Pale View of Hills*, won the Winifred Holtby Prize; the second, *An Artist of the Floating World*, the lucrative Whitbread. The third, *The Remains of the Day*, won the Booker, was lauded for its "accessibility" and turned into a film starring Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson.

What will be the fate of *The Unconsoled*, which is, quite literally, a nightmare: the story of Ryder, a pianist, turning up in an unnamed city to give a piano recital, but never being given a schedule. Everyone he meets seems to know him well and expect great things of him, yet he can only recollect them dimly. Every task he embarks on is uncompleted; every door he opens leads into a cupboard. Time contracts and expands. Hotel porters perform a dance while carrying incredibly heavy suitcases, a tram goes round and round the city serving an all-day breakfast buffet, a man has his wooden leg amputated and uses an ironing board as a crutch. Events are fanciful, but style and language are stilted. The lucidity of the previous novels, the control, the brevity (*The Unconsoled* is 538 pages) are all gone and many readers are baffled.

And so, it seems, is Ishiguro, although he [illegible] perplexed by the confusion he has caused. "It occurred to me that some people might not necessarily grasp it," he says, curled foetally on the sofa. "But I thought what I was trying to do was fairly obvious." Not to me it wasn't. "Well, it's not an established method, in fact I haven't thought of a name for it. It hasn't been used before but it's not difficult to grasp."

The method, he decides, should be called appropriation: one of the most puzzling aspects of the book is the tendency of characters to treat Ryder to five-page monologues, and for him to be able to divine their thoughts. "This character appropriates people, the people he *runs into stand* for various parts of his life. They exist in their own right but they are also being used to tell the narrator's story."

Ryder sees himself in a football-crazy five-year-old, an insecure young pianist and an ageing alcoholic conductor. "It's just a different way of telling someone's life and if people don't grasp it the book will seem to be directionless or disparate." I grasped it about halfway through, at which point my attitude to the book was transformed. But the first 250 pages were an ordeal and nobody could be blamed for giving up earlier. Ishiguro is unapologetic: "There is this distrust of books that are perhaps challenging or difficult, but you have to stop that interfering with what you want to do." He is quietly disparaging of his earlier successes. "Those were young men's books. I wrote three novels figuring myself out and now I feel ready to try bigger things." The first three books were all extremely similar. "I was afraid people would accuse me of getting repetitious."

Ryder is in Dante's "dark wood" of middle age and Ishiguro, who turned 40 last year, is certainly beset by the anxieties of middle age, compounded by becoming a father to the gorgeous Naomi, aged three. "When I was 32 I had a certain view of how the world worked and now I am beginning to realise how little in control I am."

Certainly, Ishiguro's life has been stamped with unpredictability — everything has gone smoothly, yet nothing has quite been according to plan. He arrived here from Nagasaki, aged five, when his father, an oceanographer, was given a grant by the British Government. It was only meant to be a temporary stay and Ishiguro had gone through school in Guildford before he realised he would not be returning. His ambition was not to be a writer but a musician. He had a beard, long hair, played guitar in folk clubs and was humiliated by record companies who would kick him out after a few seconds of demo-tape. "It was only after I had been a failure at something else that I was allowed to be successful."

He applied to Malcolm Bradbury's creative writing course at the University of East Anglia because he wanted a break from his job as a social worker with the homeless, and thought it sounded "a relatively pleasant and soothing thing to do. My short stories started being accepted so I thought 'Oh well, maybe I should be a writer'." Fifteen years later, financially secure enough never to have to write again, you sense that Ishiguro feels as if he has cheated. Success was as random as any other event in his life. "Most people are just tossed around by circumstances. It's hard to maintain your own agenda."

Now he has taken a deliberate step to subvert his destiny. He promises the next book will be more of the same, and is convinced that by then we will all see the point.

● The Unconsoled *is published by Faber, £15.99*

DES JENSON

Kazuo Ishiguro: "People distrust books that are challenging, but you have to stop that interfering with what you want to do."

Sorry, the Tree People are right

At the end of the loop

"NOBODY, whatever their cause," said *The Daily Telegraph* nobly yesterday, "is entitled to place themselves above the law." Still less are they entitled to stamp on its hands and throw their breakfast down on it like naughty chimpanzees. Should this happen, the law must obviously equip itself with personnel carriers, Group 4 back-up, hydraulic lifts and chainsaws, and bring low those who swing from branch to branch above it. The law must support democracy by felling the sycamores, young oaks and hazels. It must chase off the tawny owls, rip up the bluebells and build a motorway to bring prosperity to Blackburn.

LIBBY PURVES

Sometimes, these days, you have to feel a bit sorry for the law. I cannot believe that the bulldozer drivers, the police and the Deputy Sheriff of Lancashire were enjoying themselves at the battle of Stanworth Woods.

It probably helped when the Tree People threw the breakfast; such things create the warming illusion of a just war. In much the same way, that famous granny with the "Sod off" sticker across her mouth made everyone feel a tiny bit better about being cruel to baby animals.

But the comfort is fleeting. I talked yesterday to a Blackburn Council spokesman in an attempt to find out why we must democratically tarmac one of the last bits of ancient woodland in Lancashire. He was low-key about it. The council back the motorway spur, he said, but the DoT is in charge. "I live quite near it, actually ..." He broke off. "The thing is, it completes a circle of the M6, M60, and M61, and brings East Lancashire into the loop. It'll bring jobs, training and industry to the town."

Pity, though, I said; nice bit of wood, you can see the Tree People's point... "We've had them in the town as well," he offered. "Protesting against the Criminal Justice Bill. Some came up from Kent."

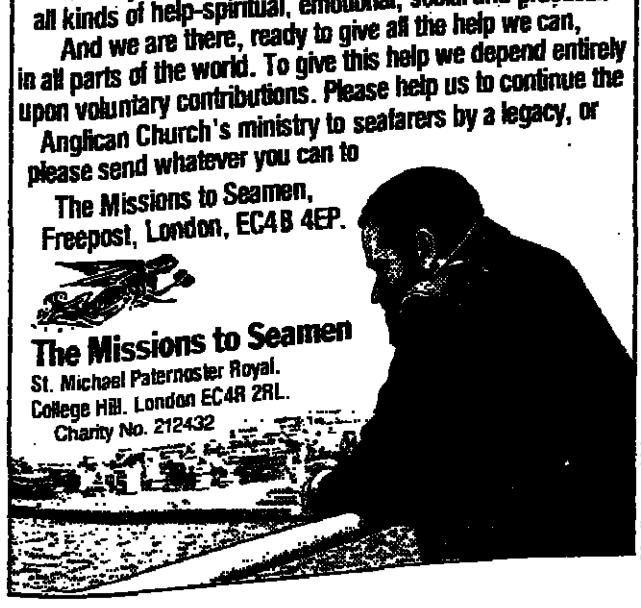
Two Middle Englanders, we both momentarily felt better for the chance to think of the tree-dwellers as a mere rent-a-mob. Just as veal exporters have salved their consciences by railing at the spinsterish nuttiness of the protesters and the teenage petulance of Alan Clark railing at policemen. Just as yesterday's leader-writer inveighed against protesters living on social security provided by "those of us who have a living to earn". These things help, like whistling in the dark.

But when you look directly at the spring woodland where these hairy, unfragrant people have lived in their hammocks through a long cold winter; when you contrast that desperate honesty and simple fixity of purpose with the bletherings of Transport Secretaries; when you see how the bulldozers flay England and kill it in strips, such cold comfort falters.

There are too many big roads already, and too few quiet green places. In the silence when a digger stops and an alarmed bird sings, we know in our hearts that actually, Britain is too small and too beautiful for us to sacrifice another inch of it to the traffic-god.

TO HELL with the endless cry that we must "keep up" with other nations. We do not have great dull empty plains like Germany, or a population as sparse as France, or a landscape as dreary as the Low Countries. Anyway, if we really cared about keeping up with foreign transport infrastructures, we would not have spent 15 years wrecking the railways.

The mania for motorways is dated, dead, depressing: so is the compulsion to bring every last quiet place "into the loop". The people up the trees may be hairy and rude and on benefit, but I am afraid they are right.



Loneliness is just one problem

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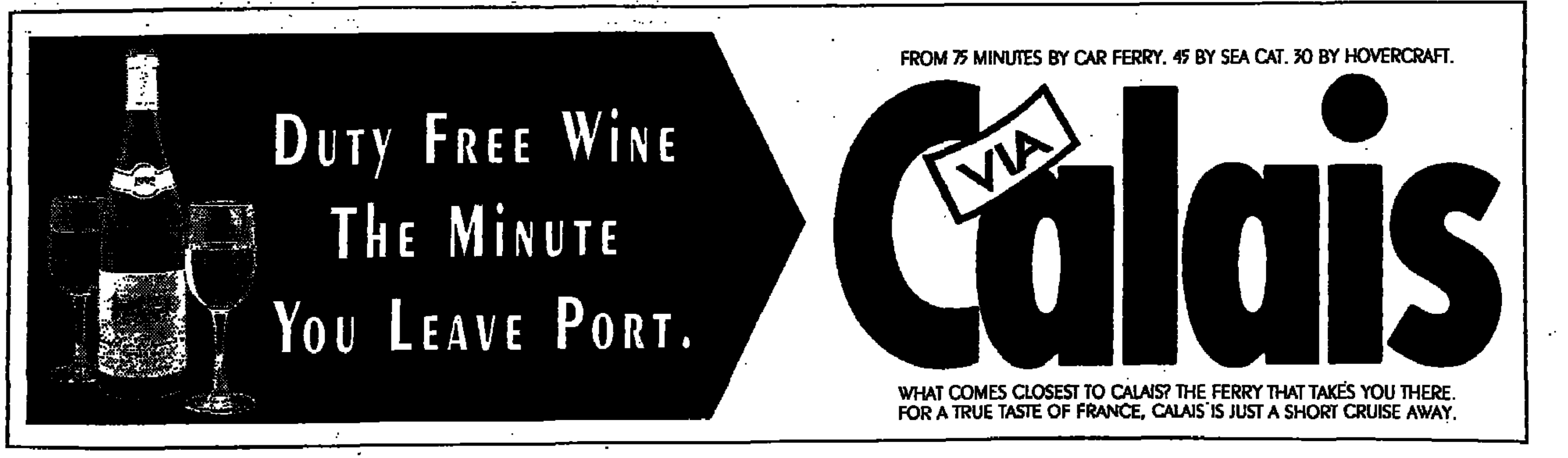

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Is Britain doomed to boom-bust?

Tim Congdon questions the case for raising interest rates

Interest rates seem certain to go up later this week although a further blow to home owners will be the last thing the Prime Minister's rebellious backbenchers will be looking for in the wake of a local election rout.

According to the most recent report from the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply, nearly 60 per cent of purchasing managers saw an overall increase in prices for materials and components last *month, whereas only 2 per* cent found lower prices. With inflationary pressures gaining strength in this way, the financial press is convinced that at their next monthly meeting, on Friday, Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George will agree to a ½ per cent rise in base rates.

As so often before in British monetary policy, there is a dispute between the Tweedle*dum of the state of the pound* sterling and the Tweedledee of the state of the domestic economy. Tweedledum says that higher interest rates are essential to prevent the currency collapsing on the foreign exchanges and causing a sharp rise in import costs; Tweedledee argues, on the contrary, that British people and companies have already cut back their spending, and that another move to dear money would be needlessly painful. In the British monetary debate the role of Tweedledum has traditionally been played by *the Bank of Eng*land, or more loosely, by "the City", while manufacturing industry has been the Tweedledee opposed to higher interest rates and eager to benefit from a low exchange rate. Parts of this characterisation remain valid as the Governor of the Bank of England is reported to be keener on an interest rate rise than the Chancellor But the current opposition to higher rates comes less from manufacturing that from retailers, housebuilders and construction companies.

Indeed, the case for raising interest rates is twofold. The fall in the value of the pound on the foreign exchanges is the first consideration. Against all other currencies taken together the pound has dropped by about 4 per cent since the start of the year, while against the mark the decline is almost 10 per cent. Since Germany is Britain's largest trading partner, the slide against the mark has a significant inflationary message and suggests the need for strong remedial action.

Yet it has also made British products exceptionally competitive. The difficulty is that an extra boost to competitiveness is hardly needed, as *British exports were doing* well before the latest phase of exchange rate depreciation. In the year to the fourth quarter 1994 exports of goods climbed by 13 per cent in volume terms. According to the pessimists, this double-digit growth of *manufactured exports had* begun to strain capacity.

Surveys of manufacturing have undoubtedly shown a marked decline in the amount of spare capacity available. The Confederation of British Industry has been asking companies about plant capacity and its utilisation rate for more than 30 years, so that comparisons can be easily made between the present situation and previous business cycles, including the notorious "boom-bust cycles" of the 1970s and 1980s. It turns out that the proportion of companies where a lack of capacity constrains output was similar in the April 1995 survey to that *in October 1988, not* far from the peak of the Lawson boom.

There may be something bizarre about British economists complaining that exports are excessive, and that manufacturing *has too many* orders and is making too high profits. But — if all these good things stimulate inflation — they must be brought under control. So the signs of above-normal capacity usage in *manufacturing* are being widely interpreted as a second argument, over and above the simple face of currency depreciation, for a rise in interest rates.

But the cheap-money advocate Tweedledee has several good counters to the dear-money man Tweedledum. First of all, manufacturing represents only 23.7 per cent of the economy. *It may* be an important part of the British economy, in that it provides the bulk of our exports, but it is still only a part of a much larger whole. In the remaining *76.3 per cent of the* economy capacity is not in the least stretched. For example, the construction industry has suffered another steep decline in orders over the last year and is worried about a second recession. Retailing also has barely recovered from the recession of 1990 and 1991, *but* is now facing weak demand because of heavy tax increases and the rise in interest rates that has already taken place.

The slide against mark has a significant message

Since last August base rates have gone up from 5¼ per cent to 6¾ per cent. Although this is only a modest change by the standards of the past 25 years, retail sales have been flat since the monetary tightening began. Another rise in base rates hardly seems necessary.

Comparisons with the Lawson boom are wide of the mark. The Lawson boom was due, above all, to an overheated housing market, which stimulated excessive mortgage credit and so led extraordinarily rapid rates of monetary growth.

In retrospect, the monetary tightening of late 1994 and early 1995 may appear sensible and appropriate. If it proves sufficient to keep infla*tion in the lower half of the* official target range of 1 to 4 per cent, all will be well. But was it really justified by domestic monetary conditions? Or wasn't it another instance of Britain's policy-makers being too anxious about the external value of the pound and too nervous about the erratic fluctuations in the world's exchange markets?

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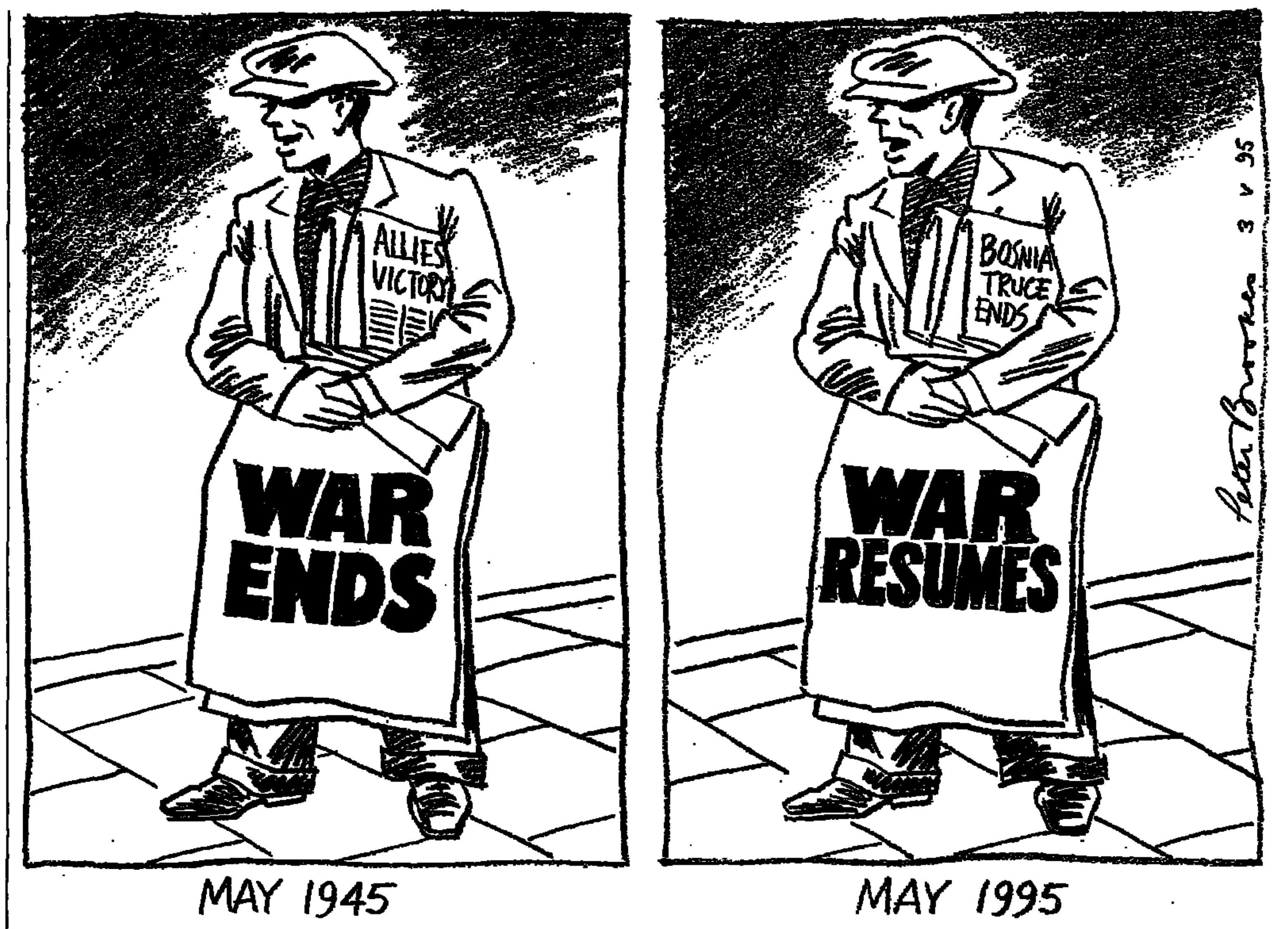


Now the end begins

Wars are ended by victory and defeat, not by meddling, as in Bosnia

Simon Jenkins

The briefing was emphatic. There was no question of our boys getting involved in a civil war. They were there to *protect relief supplies.* No, they would not "enforce" peace, only police it if both sides wanted it. No, the troops would never become hostages. The army was not that stupid. They were custodians of charity, not combatants. Above all they would never be trapped. They would make *sure they could withdraw with digni*ty when the job was done. This was a limited, short-term operation while diplomats and politicians laid the ground for a political settlement.

No, not Bosnia but Somalia, and not British troops but Americans. But no matter, the self-delusion was the same. The same idiot UN resolutions were passed. The same diplomats bid for the same glory as peace-makers. Politicians gave the same commitments to their generals. Their generals gave the same pledge to their troops and their troops gave the same warning to the combatants on the ground. The patron saint of meddlers, The Worthiest of Intentions, took common sense by the throat and throttled the life out of it.

This week the four-month-old ceasefire in Bosnia ended with a widely forecast bang. For good measure, the three-year-old one in Croatia ended too. Both events have stripped any credibility from the UN's reckless intervention in the former Yugoslavia. UN troops are constantly being held hostage, usually ransomed for arms and supplies. The Royal Welch Fusiliers are all but besieged in Gorazde, without even fuel for their trucks. The Croats have casually invaded the "UN buffer zone" in Serb-held Krajina. The Bosnian Government has seized two Serb-held communication towers. Zagreb is being shelled. Sarajevo is being shelled.

Within weeks, the bridges will open and Serbia will be supplying its *Bosnian Serb allies again. America* will be calling for more sanctions. The UN will be passing more resolutions. The Contact Group will be booking more hotel rooms in Geneva and ordering more maps. Cartographic diplomacy will resume. The great Yugoslav dance can begin all over again, to the profit of a few and the misery of many.

The British and French Governments, with the most troops on the ground, have both recently hinted that they are losing patience. It is not clear with whom. Douglas Hurd has rattled his sabre at the Serbs' Radovan Karadzic. He has said that if the Bosnian Serbs do not behave properly, he will emphatically go away. This appears to have left Dr Karadzic unmoved. *Mr Hurd says* if the Muslims and Croats are not careful, he will leave them alone too. Meanwhile a mind-boggling "war crimes trial" has been opened in The Hague, largely for the benefit of the press, to try Dr Karadzic in his absence.

Welcoming the British Unprofor General, Sir Michael Rose, back from duty in January, the Defence Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, said he had been responsible for "major improvements in Bosnia in the last 12 months". They included building over 1,000 km of roads and restoring gas and electricity. General Rose said if the UN pulled out it would be catastrophic, since it was "pro-peace, pro-humanity and pro-reason". They sounded like a couple of peaceniks on an Aldermaston march. What they have really done, at vast cost, is put in place the infrastructure for a resumption of hostilities.

I assume that all or most of the UN forces in former Yugoslavia will soon be withdrawn. The pace of withdrawal will be dictated by the cocktail of international prestige and domestic pressure that conditioned their original dispatch. Politicians as well as soldiers have flanks to cover. I hope not too many soldiers get killed waiting: Britain has lost 12 already. As a result of cruel negligence on the part *of the UN command, the troops* were not withdrawn under cover of the ceasefire. Now some 40,000 Nato troops, twice the number in Bosnia at present, will be required to protect the withdrawal, an operation sardonically called Determined Effort. With American support, this undertaking will be one of the great retreats of UN history.

Already the Bosnian adventure is developing the same fiction as the American attempts to sort out Lebanon and Somalia. The fiction is that the UN doing something is always better than the UN doing nothing. Otherwise what would be the point of the UN? Besides, there was no alternative at the time.

The thesis that any UN intervention *must* be for the best is pernicious. Yesterday I noted an American diplomat, Ambassador Hunter, giving the UN and Nato credit for the recent ceasefires. True, General Rose brokered some fine ceasefires. Credit can also go to foreigners for the many convoys escorted through military lines, the many artillery shells not fired into Muslim enclaves and many Muslim retaliations prevented. Some relief reached the needy. Some did not. But if ever ceasefire theory was tested to destruction it has been in Bosnia.

The first UN commander, General Lewis MacKenzie, used to bellow at the Geneva mediators: "God preserve us from ceasefires!" A ceasefire is phoney peace. It is an opportunity to raise funds abroad, rearm, regroup and reinvigorate the troops for the next onslaught. Worse, it temporarily alleviates the agony of war and thus postpones its resolution in victory or defeat. It offers respite for both the winning and the losing side, and ensures that *the* next round is bloodier and more merciless. Wars end either in victory or exhaustion. Ceasefires negotiated by outsiders pretend otherwise. Those who claim to have "opened a window on peace" are cynically meddling in other people's affairs. That was *the case when this crazy venture* began in 1992. It is no less the case today.

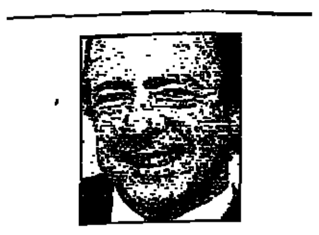
As for there being no alternative, rubbish. As long ago as November 1992, the *Times* correspondent in Bosnia was reporting that the insertion of British and other UN troops was "doomed to failure". This was not because they were unable to support humanitarian supplies, but because they would be expected to stop the war. This they could never do. There was always a clear alternative. This was to do what wiser heads advocated (including many in the British Army) and keep soldiers out of this conflict. Leave Bosnia to the relief *agencies to do as best they can, as in* Ethiopia, Afghanistan and Angola. (I let pass the Apocalypse Option of going in even deeper, risking confrontation with Russia and somehow "teaching the Serbs a lesson they would never forget": an option strictly for lunatics.)

Dickens wrote scathingly of the do-gooders of his time, who sought to "settle the world's destinies on a slate and wipe its tears with a rag". We have been wiping former Yugoslavia's tears for four years now. We seem to make them flow faster. The only blessing so far is that, for all the efforts of lobbyists for either side, the outside world has limited itself mostly to tear-wiping. The intervention of governments, international agencies, diplomats and soldiers may have been wretchedly counterproductive for the Bosnians. At least the rest of Europe, and America, has restrained itself from serious engagement. Yugoslavia has not been permitted to play the 1914 gambit — yet.

In Yugoslavia a historically divided community was held together by a temporary dictatorship. That dictatorship froze the local institutions which might have brought divided communities together. There was no democratic leadership, no habit of association, no tradition of entrenched tolerance on which to build peace. The constitution-building of the Contact Group was as absurd as its cartography. When central authority collapsed, inter-communal relations reverted to the most primitive tribalism — the grim "other means" with which politics continues into war. Until this process is acted out, outsiders are distractors, confusers, above all, delayers.

Bosnia is not a genteel boxing match of three rounds, three ceasefires and an umpire's decision on *points. It is* a prizefight that insists on going the distance. There is much for private charity to do. There is a role for generosity to refugees. There will be a role for help in reconstruction. But not now. Hard though it is for the "can-do-gooder" to accept, his help will only postpone the endgame. Peace will *come when the partici*pants settle their own destinies on a slate and wipe their own tears with a rag. The best news from Bosnia will be when we are out of it and the end can begin.

Alan Coren



Now this is serious: the country is running out of daftness

Like Judy Garland, I just adore the boy next door; loving him more than I can say, however, would probably be pitching it a bit strong, so let me say instead merely that, like Ben Jonson, I love the man this side of idolatry, if only because it isn't every day of the week that I can shoehorn Judy Garland and Ben Jonson into the same sentence.

It is just on Wednesday. That is the day I take my seat in this column *to pursue the kind of* self-indulgent wittering exemplified above, while, across the column wall, the boy next door takes his Wednesday seat to pursue issues of great pith and moment, the source of the adoration in which I hold him. That, and the fact that he is a model neighbour: for Simon has never banged on the wall to tell me to keep the facetiousness down, he has never stuck his head over it to complain that the unkempt state of my syntax and the gaping holes in my arguments are ruining the neighbourhood, and has never (as far as I know) written in outrage to our common landlord seeking my eviction for living off the earnings of a disorderly column. He has allowed me to have my weekly bit on the side without demur.

So since, as the BBC daily reminds us, neighbours should be there for one another, I cannot this morning stand idly by and watch the boy next door so sunk in gloom. For Simon is not only the illustrious tenant of the *vast* property to the west, he is also a Millennium Commissioner, charged with disbursing £1.6 billion of National Lottery takings on projects designed to usher in 2000 AD with a bit of a bang. But on Sunday night, as the deadline *for applications* fell, there was nothing there with any bang at all, and his slim shoulders slumped. Nor had they straightened by Monday morning, when he publicly declared himself disappointed at the lack of imagination behind the 1,400 *proposals submitted.* "I wanted to see more follies," he told the press, "more oddity, more quirkiness."

That, alas, is the penalty for being a good neighbour. Simon must have known, for he has his ear to the ground, if not the *wall, that this was exactly the* kind of stuff which I have in chaotic abundance over here, but he didn't like to bother me. He didn't want to pop round to ask if I could spare a spoonful of follies or a couple of pints of oddities, he wouldn't *dream of begging a few ounces* of quirkiness to tide him over until 2000.

A pity. Glancing through the long grey list of worthy supplicants for millennial bollards and commemorative troughs, the eye soon moistens at the lack of recognition for that peerless silliness which down the long arches of the years has set our culture apart from all the rest. There is, I see, no project to build Blandings Castle and fill it to its crenellated brim with aunts and pigs, no suggestion that a giant Dong be placed atop Canary Wharf whose luminous nose would be a light for all mankind, no plan to erect a huge Fez of Discovery on the South Bank where successive generations of impressionists would keep the memory of Tommy Cooper alive throughout eternity, no scheme to redeem some defunct Rhondda shaft as a major hole down which the world's children would be able to parascend in pursuit of waistcoated rabbits and evaporating cats, no clarion call for flying circuses or carry-ons up reconstructed Khybers or *son et lumière* spectaculars at 23 Railway Cuttings, East Cheam, no proposal for a Vintage Postcard Run from London to Brighton to teem the beach with balloon-busted matrons, plum-faced vicars, etiolated honeymooners, and homunculi with rolled-up trousers inquiring whether anyone has seen their little Willie.

Need it be too late? The boy next door and I have no small experience of deadlines and of the elasticity which may be *wheedled into them should the* circumstance be deemed exceptional, and it would surely be impossible to deem this anything but. For we are talking about a major moment in our history here. We are talking about the year 2000, and, to quote Max Miller — if only because nobody has as yet had the sense to insist on commemorating him more substantially — there'll never be another.

Atholl do nicely

THE TIMES DIARY

THE DUKE of Atholl, one of Britain's richest landowners, is being accused of low tricks in the *Highlands. He is imposing his* own private road toll on a track leading to a beauty spot on his massive Perthshire estate.

His Grace, whose fortune is estimated at £140 million and who commands Britain's only private army from his 120-room castle, is charging £5 per vehicle to use the 12-mile unkempt road which leads to Glen Tilt through a most spectacular part of his fiefdom. The *spot will feature later this year in a* BBC documentary on a local gamekeeper.

"It sounds to me like he is cashing-in on the BBC series. He never misses a trick. This is a disgrace," fumes Merv Rolfe, leader of the Labour group on Tayside Regional Council. "I suppose that if you refuse to pay, one of his Atholl Highlanders marches you off to a dungeon in Blair Castle."

The Old Etonian duke's ingenious cash-generating schemes frequently ruffle feathers. There was the fuss in January when he applied for a £400,000 Forestry Commission grant to plant trees and, in 1993, another grant of £300,000 to restore the castle gardens. He also clashed with ramblers' organisations last year over rights of way.

But locals privately warn him to heed the experience of an ancestor who levied tolls in 1867. In protest *at the charge for crossing the* Tay at Dunkeld, rioters locked up the tollkeeper and hurled the gates into the river. Replacement gates were destroyed by a mob armed with axes. Eventually the gates were quietly removed by the duke in the dead of night. The current duke was unavailable for comment yesterday.

"Relax, this is rented"

Fay's cross

THE BACK streets of King's Cross have, of late, been seeing a surprising amount of Fay Weldon. She has been seen in the unsalubrious area at night bearing large sums of cash.

The beneficiaries are ruthless car-clampers. When I bumped into the author and her husband, Nick Fox, on Monday night they were leaving the launch party of David *Lodge's new novel Therapy to se*cure the release of a friend's automobile.

"There have been previous incidents, they've caught Fay before," grumbled Fox. "It's awful," added his wife. "It's a terrible place to get to and you have to trek past all these kerb-crawlers shouting things because they think you're a prostitute."

● *On one issue, Virginia Bottomley remains adamant: she will not privatise the NHS. Yet her health department's latest annual report talks of plans to develop "market-testing, privatisation ..." An official cringes: "It's bad drafting — plain and simple. There are no plans to privatise the NHS — never have been, never will be ..."*

Parting shot

AMONG THOSE used in the 1940s to advertise Brylcreem was one Denis Compton — the Middlesex and England cricketer. In a new programme for BBC Radio 4 on May 6, Compton tells how he still gets called "Compo the Brylcreem boy".

"People completely identified me with Brylcreem, but I used it very sparingly," says Compton. "Once, when I got hit on the head by a ball from Ray Lindwall, the Australian fast bowler, *I found that* people had altered all the Brylcreem posters of me in the Underground and had drawn plasters stuck on my head."

Fitting conclusions: trying on wartime footwear

● *Jeremy Hanley tripped up yet again. Preparing for an interview on HTV West in Bristol yesterday, the Tory party chairman momentarily thought he was addressing Welsh instead of West Country viewers. He intoned: "Bore Da" — which is, of course, Welsh for "good day".*

Sole mates

A GROUP of elderly but smartly-shod individuals are meeting for one of the most poignant wartime reunions. In 1941 they were all recipients of presents from an American benefactor of that rare commodity in wartime east London — shoes. Four of those traced will gather at the American Embassy on May 16. "I was only about four then," recalls Joan Fisher née Clark. "But I can remember the smell of leather and us all being huddled together. We could see lots and lots of shoes — weren't we pleased to get them."

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TEACH THEM A LESSON

Educators as well as pupils may need testing

Yesterday's criticisms of teaching standards by school inspectors will fuel the growing cross-party debate about what should be done to tackle the problem. The Office for Standards in Education found that 20 per cent of schools failed to teach English adequately; in mathematics, inspectors found that teachers displayed a good command of their subject in only one in ten primary schools. The failures of the education system have been acknowledged for many years. But only recently has there been political consensus that poor teaching is at the heart of the matter.

Traditionally, Labour's instinct has been to defend the teaching profession against its critics, preferring to side with the unionised vested interest against parents and pupils. Following Tony Blair's promise in July that the worst teachers would be dismissed, David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, has made clear that the issue of teaching standards no longer divides the parties as it used to. Whether or not Labour's instinct has changed fundamentally, the teaching profession can no longer rely on partisan protection from a future Labour government.

There is, therefore, a new opportunity for a serious public debate on this central issue. This has already been launched by the energetic Chief Inspector of Schools, Christopher Woodhead, who has announced in unambiguous language his commitment to banishing outdated educational doctrine and woolly ideology from the nation's classrooms. He has urged heads, governors and parents to acknowledge that there is a minority of teachers who are "quite simply incompetent". The more difficult question is what to do about them.

Sacking a teacher requires an effort of will that is sadly lacking in most schools. To dismiss any employee is unpleasant. But, among employers, schools are notoriously reluctant to fire individuals because of incompetence. As a first step, governors must learn to put the interests of pupils before the demands of staff room solidarity. Secondly, they must ensure that the compulsory appraisal of teachers by their colleagues is a meaningful exercise rather than mere form-filling. Appraisal must acknowledge strengths, diagnose failures and lead to action where it is necessary.

Likewise, the in-service training schemes available to teachers need to become far more focused and demanding. Heads should be able to send members of staff on remedial courses to improve their skills or even, in some cases, offer them a last chance to avoid disciplinary action. Teachers who fail their pupils should be made to feel that they are on probation themselves.

Schools where teaching is poor also need to emulate best practice. Mr Woodhead has urged heads to look hard at schools which consistently perform well, the so-called "beacons of excellence". League tables and transparency have made it much easier to identify such schools. The next step should be to investigate what makes them achieve high academic standards and encourage less successful schools to follow suit.

The object of policy should be to root out mediocre teaching as well as incompetence. To regain the public's trust, teachers need to learn afresh the instincts and practices of a profession. They should dress like professionals rather than protesters. They should be encouraged to develop more subject specialisations, especially at primary level. The teaching pay scale needs to become far more flexible so that excellence is rewarded visibly and performance plays a much greater part in setting salaries. If this means the end of national pay bargaining, so be it.

SALUTE TO A COLLEAGUE

On World Press Freedom Day we remember the unfree

Omar Belhouchet, the editor of the independent Algerian newspaper, *El Watan*, no longer keeps a diary or regular office hours. Nor does he sleep at home, or even in the same bed for more than a few nights. Like most of his colleagues in the Algerian press, he lives a semi-clandestine life "in prison-like conditions, never seeing daylight". But, unlike 250 of Algeria's 800 journalists who have fled abroad in justified fear for their lives, he insists that he must stay to provide independent reporting of the country's second violent upheaval in 40 years. It is not a commitment lightly made. Mr Belhouchet has narrowly escaped two assassination attempts since 1993; the strain gave his young wife a fatal heart attack, and his daughters are now in France for their safety.

Today is World Press Freedom Day, and nowhere is the price of defending press freedom higher than in contemporary Algeria. In the confrontation between a corrupt and increasingly arbitrary regime dominated by the military, and a peculiarly savage variety of Islamic extremism, journalists are targets for both sides.

Islamic terrorism poses by far the greatest physical danger. The Islamic National Front, which was poised to win elections in 1992 which the Government then annulled, denounces press freedom as a Western import incompatible with Islam. The Islamic Armed Group (GIA) has made good its threat that "those who fight us with the pen will be fought with the sword".

In the past two years, according to *Reporters Sans Frontières*, 35 Algerian journalists have been assassinated. The International Press Institute, which includes writers who engage in journalism, puts the toll at 40, "a rollcall of some of the country's finest intellectuals". Reporters have been killed at fake checkpoints manned by the GIA, on their way to work, even tending family graves. They no longer carry press cards on reporting assignments; most do not sign articles. Television journalists, who cannot hide from the cameras, are specially vulnerable. In January, the GIA issued an ultimatum to all television reporters to stop work. Nine have been murdered.

Officialdom presents problems of a different kind, but is also hostile to open reporting about Algeria's spiral of violence. Under a military decree, all news about the "security situation" must be issued by the official news agency. Suspensions of newspapers are common and harassment routine. There have been arbitrary arrests and at least one journalist, a correspondent for the Italian press agency ANSA accused of "harbouring a wanted terrorist", has been tortured in prison. Mr Belhouchet was jailed in 1993, along with five of his colleagues on *El Watan*, for reporting fundamentalist killings. He is again in trouble for campaigning against official corruption.

The Government has subtler tools, which it uses against "unsupportive" newspapers. It controls the printing presses, distribution networks and the placement of public sector advertising — a potent economic lever. Independent and opposition newspapers have recently been forced to cut their pages and print-runs, allegedly because of a shortage of newsprint which does not seem to affect government newspapers.

Algeria, as the editor and poet Tahar Djaout wrote two years ago, is caught between two "visions of society, separated by 10 centuries of time". Days after publishing that article, he became the first editor to be gunned down by Islamists, aged 39. The courage shown by so many of his colleagues since then is his tribute, and an example to the press of happier lands.

STONE IN A BLUE MOON

These offshore islands are still for venturers not Aladdins

The discovery of Britain's largest sapphire by an amateur geologist on the Isle of Lewis is a matter for surprise and modest patriotic pride. For as long as travellers have been writing letters for posterity, the Hebrides have been treasured for their rugged beauty away on the world's rim. But their treasures have been animal, vegetable and spirituous rather than mineral. Such bankable valuables as have turned up in the Western Isles have been imported by shipwreck, either as Armada doubloons or whisky galore.

For Lewis to have forged from its own rocks one of the oldest gems valued by man stands popular geology, geography and history on their heads. Mainland invaders have continually been coming to these offshore islands in the hope of finding treasure. And they have continually been disappointed. The builders of Stonehenge were so bored by the local sandstone of pre- Salisbury Plain that they dragged, with unimaginable labours, bluestones from the Prescelly Mountains in Pembrokeshire. The Romans came looking for gold and found mostly tin. And the Normans had to import from their homeland even the common building stones for their castles.

Britain has always been a continental fools' El Dorado. If we had produced sapphires as profusely as Burma, treasure-hunters would never have left us alone. It is a blessing in disguise that for all the time that Britain was fully integrated in Europe, it was a bad bargain as a treasure-island. Our contributions to the EC are by far the greatest treasure that mainland Europeans have ever found here.So treasure-hunters, not least the Scots, had to venture abroad to find their sapphires, real or metaphorical. The streets of London were said to be paved with gold, but it was other people's treasure from alien rocks. The British character was partly formed by the climate and by the lack of natural riches which forced the ambitious to travel abroad.

If Lewis were now starting to produce sapphires by the security-vanload, the islanders might grow even lazier than their reputation among other Scots suggests already.But fortunately the Lewis sapphire, at 9.6 carats four times larger than the previous largest found in Britain, is a mote in the world's eye. In Sri Lanka this centimeter dye of hard blue corundum would be used as the office paper weight. "The Lone Star", cut in London in 1989 but found half a world away, weighs a thousand times more.

The Lewis sapphire's blue may melt into the Hebridean sky; at least on a fine day. But it is an aberration as well as a British record. Failed again for easy fortune, offshore islanders. Lewis men and the rest of Britain will continue to have to live by their wits rather than natural treasures. This may be bad for our comfort. But it must be good for our national character.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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After Clause 4: challenges for Blair and New Labour

From Mr S. P. Harrow

Sir, Peter Riddell ("New Labour, new enemy", May 1) is right: the Tories are bewitched, bothered and bewildered by Tony Blair. This is odd, because the advent of Blair and the scuttling of Clause Four bear all the hallmarks of a major Tory triumph.

Michael Heseltine got nearest to this truth in his Radio 4 analysis on Sunday of the significance of Blair's achievement: it is, in my view, one of the greatest political victories won by the Tory party and for Conservative principles in 80 years.

The Tories shouldn't get too upset about losing the next general election. That's only a minor battle: they have already won the war.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN HARROW,
Senior Common Room,
King's College London,
Strand, WC2.
May 1.

From Mr Michael Ivens

Sir, Your leader, "Pregnant clause" (May 1), refers to the "jettisoning of the old Clause Four" by the Labour Party. You, with many others, have apparently swallowed the propaganda bait.

The old Clause Four referred to "the common ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange". The essential wording of the new clause (six times longer than its predecessor), states that "those undertakings essential to the common good are either owned by the public or accountable to them". This definition covers almost everything you can think of, ranging from farming and manufacturing to publishing and the arts — plus anything referred to by its ancient predecessor.

This should provide a major issue for the Tories to attack rather than subjects such as Mr Blair's youth and ears. It gives the Labour Party the right to nationalise almost everything.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL IVENS,
Aims of Industry,
40 Doughty Street, WC1.

From Mr William Heath

Sir, Peter Kemp (Management, Viewpoint, April 27) is right that Tony Blair, "or, as it may be, Mr Major", must deal radically with the fossilised government machine.

The Labour Party's latest issue of *Labour Research* said the Civil Service lost 22,000 posts in the year to October 1994, about 4 per cent of the 524,000 total. It also said the Treasury was "fiddling" the figures to mask 7,000 more job losses. These numbers are insignificant compared to what is happening in the UK's largest companies.

BT employed well over 200,000 in 1990. By 1998 the total, I understand, could be under 70,000. By my calculations BP is well on the way to halving its 1990 headcount, and British Gas could lose a third of its staff in the next couple of years. These reductions are principally about cutting bureaucracy and shortening chains of command, and direct comparison with government is valid.

To avoid bankrupting the State in the next recession (or next but one) government must become much more efficient. The Civil Service must be ready to adapt at the sort of rate that these competitive and successful firms have shown is possible. Only then will Peter Kemp, Tony Blair or even John Major see a government machine that delivers the services the country needs at a cost it can afford.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM HEATH (Partner),
Kable (publishing and research),
40 Bowling Green Lane, EC1.
May 1.

From Councillor Mrs Theresa Stewart

Sir, Woodrow Wyatt (column, April 25) suggests that it is "laughable" for Birmingham to employ a "behaviour support officer".

Virtually all local education authorities, Conservative and Labour-controlled alike, have such officers. Titles may vary, but the job remit is basically the same: to help classroom teachers deal with the challenges presented by disruptive pupils and help the parents of such pupils with practical solutions and support.

If this is the best Lord Wyatt can come up with to support his thesis that Labour-controlled local authorities result in spiralling bureaucracy I suggest he asks classroom teachers whether they think that behaviour-support services are a waste of money. I think the response would have him laughing on the other side of his face.

Yours sincerely,
THERESA STEWART (Leader),
Birmingham City Council,
Council House, Birmingham 1.
April 28.

From the Director of Education, Avon County Council

Sir, Woodrow Wyatt's article was long on rhetoric and short on facts. Avon does not employ "eight highly paid [educational] directors and advisers", and our total staffing complement bears very favourable comparison with other authorities of comparable size.

Indeed, in contrast to many other authorities, Avon has funded the vast majority of the recent teachers' pay award and maintained the level of expenditure in its schools against a background of reduced revenue over several years.

Yours sincerely,
G. M. BADMAN,
Director of Education and
Head of External Affairs,
Avon County Council,
PO Box 57,
Avon House North,
St James Barton, Bristol, Avon.
May 1.

From Mr Patrick Howard

Sir, When David Hill of the Labour Party (letter, April 29) states simply that "you pay £37 less in council tax under a Labour council than if you live in a Tory area" he could have gone on to say that you also pay less income and inheritance tax. The reasons are the same: house values and incomes are lower in Labour areas.

Under Labour and Liberal Democrat councils you pay more in the pound. If local income tax is ever introduced this will become painfully apparent.

Yours truly,
PATRICK HOWARD,
37 Ennerdale Road,
Kew, Richmond, Surrey.
April 29.

From Councillor Mrs B. Samuel

Sir, Many of those of us who formed the SDP in the early 1980s did so because of our dislike of the power of the unions and of Clause Four. All these years later the new young leader of the Labour Party opposes both (report, May 1). What next — adoption of proportional representation?

Would it not be easier for Tony Blair to join the Liberal Democrats?

Yours faithfully,
B. SAMUEL,
33 Southwood Avenue,
Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
May 1.

Ministerial papers as public archives

From Dr B. S. Benedikz

Sir, It should be remembered in connection with the recent purchase of the Churchill papers for the nation that the placing of high ministerial archives in university libraries to ease their use by scholars is nothing new, and many scholars have greatly benefited by such deposits.

For over 30 years the papers of Joseph Chamberlain and his two sons, which represent a wide range of high-level ministerial activity from 1880 to 1940, and, more recently, the papers of Sir Anthony Eden, first Earl of Avon, have proved invaluable source material for historians, some of whom come back to Birmingham again and again, even after 30 years, to find fresh documentary sources for their work.

There is, of course, a considerable difference between the Cambridge and the Birmingham deposits: thanks to the generosity of the Chamberlain family and Lord and Lady Avon the University of Birmingham has a gift of papers covering nearly eighty years of high political and personal value — and, moreover, the further generosity of the Chamberlains has enriched it by presenting the university with the copyrights.

If the nation wishes to retain a pre-eminence in the academic history of the last century, the senior politicians should be encouraged to follow the examples of the Chamberlains and the Edens, so as in turn to encourage the growth of such eminence in scholarship; and it is pleasing to read (News in Brief, later editions, May 2) that Lady Thatcher has no intention of selling her private papers for profit. I hope that these will remain together and eventually become a public archive.

Yours faithfully,
B. S. BENEDIKZ
(Sub-Librarian (Special Collections)),
The University of Birmingham,
University Library,
Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2TT.
May 2.

From the Director General, Imperial War Museum

Sir, Mr Blenkinsop (letter, April 29) is right in stating that Field Marshal Montgomery retained the German surrender document, now in the Imperial War Museum. One should add that, thanks to the very great generosity of the late Sir Denis Hamilton and the present Lord Montgomery, the entire Montgomery archive is deposited here.

The fact that the Churchill archive has also been saved, thanks to the National Lottery, means that the public and private papers of two of the greatest men of the century are preserved for the nation in perpetuity. That surely is a cause for rejoicing.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN BORG,
Director General,
Imperial War Museum,
Lambeth Road, SE1.
May 1.

From Mr Peregrine Churchill

Sir, I would like to clarify reports in your paper (April 27, 28) about the condition of parts of the Churchill archive, and commented on by Piers Brendon (letter, April 28).

I have remarked in the past that some of the archives are on pulp paper, and if handled and exposed to the light too often by research historians, will discolour and crumble.

It is therefore very encouraging to know that British-designed electronic technology has reached a stage of development such that all the archive papers can be transferred to laser discs with unique properties; and then distributed to any university or library throughout the world.

The cost today may be about £4 million to £5 million, and take four to five years. I expect details will be announced within the next few months.

Yours faithfully,
PEREGRINE CHURCHILL,
Elizabeth Court,
47 Milman's Street, SW10.
April 28.

Remembering Winnie

From Mr Rupert Speyer

Sir, You report (Diary, April 26) that the Canadians are donating a statue of Winnie, the bear on whom A. A. Milne based his fictional hero, to the children's section of London Zoo. Another Winnie statue has stood at the zoo for very many years, its snout polished bright by the hands of generations of children. A plaque beside it tells the story of the original Winnie, left behind by her Canadian regiment when it went to the trenches.

Yours sincerely,
RUPERT SPEYER,
22 Downs Cote Park, Bristol, Avon.

Nelson's arm

From Mr David Shannon

Sir, You report (Travel, April 29) that Nelson's arm is preserved in a museum in Santa Cruz, Tenerife. This is remarkable. Nelson's right arm was amputated *at sea* after the Tenerife action and probably thrown overboard.

An early example of Spanish fishing over-efficiency I should think.

Yours etc,
DAVID SHANNON,
The Nelson Society,
39 Woodland Mount, Hertford.

Television economies

From Mr Will Wyatt, Managing Director, BBC Network Television

Sir, May I clarify the state of current programme commissioning at BBC Television ("BBC cuts £20 million from arts and documentary budgets", May 1).

In announcing on Sunday that I could lift the temporary moratorium imposed on commissioning new programmes (report, later editions, March 3), I was at pains to explain that there was no threat to the level or value of programmes we would put on screen.

The moratorium simply allowed me and my senior colleagues to take a detailed look at the pattern of production and at future plans, to explore how, by tighter use of cash, BBC Television can contribute to the BBC's overall financial strategy. A major aim is to reduce our borrowings over the next two years, as part of the financial package agreed with the Government.

By rescheduling our cash outflows to the tune of £20 million we will be able to reach this target. This will be achieved by rephasing work to shorten the time between production and transmission, thereby minimising work in progress (money tied up in production at any one time) and stock (completed programmes available for transmission).

Our strategy is to offer viewers an unrivalled array of major documentary, science and music and arts programmes. Many of these are under way, earmarked for screening in 1996-97. As these and other long-term projects become available there will be less need for other factual programmes at that time. We need to balance the schedule, and to balance production with available funding.

Altogether the changes represent about 2 per cent of an overall budget in BBC Network Television that yet again broke even for the financial year just ended.

Yours faithfully,
WILL WYATT,
Managing Director,
BBC Network Television,
Television Centre,
Wood Lane, W12.
May 1.

Road protesters

From Mr Allan Lupton

Sir, Once again we have a protest group which, when the legal processes have found for its opponents, has taken the law into its own hands (report and photograph, May 2).

Perhaps the next time the courts find in the protesters' favour, the Department of Transport should carry on building the motorway regardless.

Yours faithfully,
ALLAN LUPTON,
197 Icknield Way,
Letchworth,
Hertfordshire.
May 2.

Identity cards and the individual

From Mr Bernard Hayman

Sir, If it is correct — as was claimed by Christopher Jackson (letter, April 19; other letters, April 28) that "there is widespread support for some form of proof of identity", could some of those who think otherwise help the debate by explaining why they object?

Subject to the obvious safeguards concerning inquirers having the right to know, I can't think of a single valid reason for objecting to the *principle* of ID cards. Any debate should concern how, not if, we introduce them.

Yours sincerely,
BERNARD HAYMAN,
2 Brewery Tower,
East Hill, Colchester, Essex.

From Mr Freddy Kosten

Sir, Christopher Jackson characterises the Danish "personal number", assigned at birth, as "remarkable for its success" in the context of ID cards and other means of establishing proof of identity.

Sweden has had a similar national registration number since 1947. In 1993, at an international conference hosted by our Data Protection Registrar, the Director-General of the Data Inspection Board of Sweden said that, in the light of much adverse experience, "the identity number supertanker will have to change course".

There were several grounds for this reversal: anyone seeking personal contact, with banks, insurance companies, national authorities and the like was made to feel like an intruder since "automation is much less trouble"; so long as you could state a personal identity number which a computer would accept nobody challenged your identity (police, hospitals and social welfare authorities were singled out as having become "astonishingly credulous"); and, perhaps worst of all, the realisation that as a result of all this "information spreads quickly, but so too does disinformation".

A salutary warning.

Yours faithfully,
FREDDY KOSTEN,
Data Protection News,
Hoskyns Group plc,
City House, 190 City Road, EC1.

From Mr David Amess, MP for Basildon (Conservative)

Sir, I join Sir Sigmund Sternberg (letter, April 28) in condemning the proposed stating of religion on ID cards in Greece — or anywhere else. It is quite out of place and irrelevant to the use of ID cards, whether voluntary or compulsory.

I hope that the forthcoming government White Paper will make this clear and so remove some possible objections to the scope of the cards.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID AMESS,
House of Commons.
May 1.

Ireland's famine

From Mrs Berna Hannon

Sir, Perhaps looking back at the depopulation caused by the Great Famine of 150 years ago ("Ireland confronts a painful past", April 24) is Ireland's way of turning a blind eye to what is happening there now. The bulk of the under-25s are still exported to foreign pastures.

I myself was forced to leave Ireland in what I can only call the "famine" of the 1950s. Eight of the nine children in my family emigrated — and we were not the only ones. The EU is pouring money in, but the Republic still has unacceptably high unemployment.

Would Sudan and Ethiopia have a famine problem if they could export the bulk of their population? A more appropriate title for the report might have been "Ireland the ostrich". We exiles are too submissive to question our muddled past.

Yours faithfully,
B. HANNON,
21 Harrington Drive, Bedford.

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Domestic appliances

From Mr Peter Carver

Sir, Last year, UK manufacturers of domestic appliances had price increases imposed on them of 55.9 per cent for copper, 56 per cent for aluminium, 30.7 per cent for plastics, 30.6 per cent for packaging and board, and 18.5 per cent for steel. None of our competing suppliers wavered in their demands.

Last year, the average price received by manufacturers for a tumble dryer fell by 10.8 per cent, a refrigerator by 5.8 per cent, and a free-standing cooker by 0.6 per cent. Automatic washing machines rose in price received by an average of 0.4 per cent and dishwashers — a buoyant market — by 7.7 per cent: in 1993, the average price received for these last two fell by 6.3 per cent and 3.3 per cent respectively.

The Office of Fair Trading has now referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (report, April 28) allegations of price-fixing — by manufacturers of domestic appliances.

Some mistake, surely?

Yours faithfully,
P. CARVER (Director General),
Association of Manufacturers of
Domestic Electrical Appliances,
Rapier House,
Lamb's Conduit Street, WC1.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 2: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Earl of Airlie KT (Lord Chamberlain) had an audience of Her Majesty and presented a Message from the House of Lords to which The Queen was graciously pleased to make reply.

The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP (Lord President of the Council) and Mr Sydney Chapman MP (Vice-Chamberlain of the Household) were received in audience by Her Majesty and presented a Message from the House of Commons to which The Queen was graciously pleased to make reply.

The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

By Command of The Queen, the Baroness Trumpington (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the arrival of the Minister of Defence for the Commonwealth of Australia and Mrs Ray and welcomed them on behalf of Her Majesty.

May 2: The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust, this evening attended a Fashion Fantasy Show and Dinner at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, London SW1.

The Countess of Lichfield was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
May 2: Dame Frances Campbell-Preston has succeeded the Lady Margaret Colville as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 2: The Prince of Wales this afternoon departed from Aberdeen Dyce Airport for Hamburg, Germany.

His Royal Highness attended a Reception given by Her Majesty's Consulate General for German citizens and members of the British community in Hamburg.

The Prince of Wales this evening *attended an Ecumenical Service in St* Michael's Church on the occasion of the Commemoration of the end of the Second World War.

His Royal Highness later attended a Dinner in Kaisersaal given by Herr Dr Henning Voscherau, First Mayor, President of the Senate of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg.

Mr Stephen Lamport and Mr Allan Percival were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 2: The Princess of Wales, Patron, RELATE, this morning received Mr David French (Director).

May 2: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon unveiled "Allies", a statue presented by the Bond Street Association to commemorate fifty years of peace, in New Bond Street, London W1.

Mrs Jane Stevens was in attendance.

May 2: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, was present this morning at the World Heritage and Museums Exhibition and Symposium 1995, Royal Albert Hall, London SW7.

The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, the Order of St John, was present this afternoon at the Annual General Meeting of the St John Fellowship, Guildhall, London EC2.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon opened the Maternity Unit at Ysbyty Gwynedd, Bangor, North Wales, and was received on arrival by *Her Majesty's Lord-Liuetenant for* Gwynedd (Mr Meuric Rees).

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
May 2: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Limited, Crewe, Cheshire.

Captain Marcus Barnett was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Patron, the London Philharmonic, this evening attended the Beecham Gala, the Royal Festival Hall, Belvedere Road, London SE1. Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

The *Duchess of Kent*, President, NCH Action for Children, today received Sir Michael Checkland, Chairman and Mr Tom White, Chief Executive.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Queensland Conservatorium of Music, this afternoon received Mr Ian Hanger, Chairman of the Advisory Council.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
May 2: Princess Alexandra today visited Shropshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Shropshire (the Viscount Boyne).

Her Royal Highness, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of the Light Infantry, opened the restored Shropshire Regimental Museum at Shrewsbury Castle and the new Headquarters of 5th Battalion the (Shropshire and Herefordshire) Light Infantry at Copthorne Barracks, Shrewsbury.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Horticulture

Iceland poppies bring a warm welcome

By Alan Toogood, horticulture correspondent

ICELAND POPPIES at the Royal Horticultural Society's flower show mimic the weather by providing a sunny welcome for visitors with their bright yellow and orange flowers.

Home Meadows Nursery, of Martlesham, Suffolk, famous for these poppies grown as biennials, staged the display at the show, which opened in Westminster yesterday. For many years the nursery has been selecting Iceland poppies (*Papaver nudicaule)* for bright colours and also pink, so their strain today, known as "Meadhome Strain", also contains pale pink flowers. The exhibit has been awarded a gold medal.

Other gold medallists are the Paradise Centre, of Lamarsh, Suffolk (herbaceous plants) and Southfield Nurseries, of Bourne, Lincolnshire (cacti and other succulent plants).

The show is particularly strong on rhododendrons and a large display has been staged by Knap Hill (who are celebrating their bicentenary this year) and Slocock Nurseries, of Knap Hill, Surrey. The display shows a representative selection of rhododendrons and azaleas supplied by the nurseries, which combined several years ago, many being of *their own raising. They range from old hybrids* such as "Mrs Anthony Waterer" (white, with a green-gold flare), and "Faggetter's Favourite" (coral pink, with a sweet scent), to modern hybrids including "Golden Fleece" (large golden yellow flowers), "Chelsea Peach" (white azalea with peach flush), "Olga" (terracotta pink), "Honey" (clear yellow) and "Ripe Corn" (corn coloured, tinged pink).

Another old established company is Hydon Nurseries, of Hydon Heath, Surrey, who have included the dwarf pale yellow "Princess Anne" in their collection of rhododendrons and azaleas.

Starborough Nursery, of Edenbridge, Kent, is showing scented rhododendrons such as the white Loderi "King George" and also how hybrids have progressed from pale yellow (as in "Logan Damaris") to deep yellow such as "Hotei", now considered the best modern yellow rhododendron.

The RHS Rhododendron, Camellia and Magnolia Group is showing the variation that occurs in rhododendron species in the Triflora group, whose members have small leaves and a profusion of small flowers. The best example is *Rhododendron augustinii* whose flowers range in colour from very pale pink and blue to deep blue. The best selections have deep blue flowers.

A particularly eye-catching exhibit is the display of modern streptocarpus hybrids (flowering pot plants) staged by Dibley's Nurseries, of Ruthin, North Wales, which includes many new introductions such as their own hybrid "Betham" with sky-blue upper petals and blue, purple-veined lower petals. Some new American introductions also look promising such as "Happy Snappy".

Several competitions are being held with the show. The best exhibit in the Bonsai Kai competition is a group of larch, *Larix kaempferi*, with newly emerged fresh green foliage, shown by Mrs L.J. Wilson, of North London. The Chinn Lantern for most points has been won by Mr P.D. Shields, of Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire.

The best large-flowered rose in the Royal National Rose Society's competition is "Welcome Guest" (apricot, pink-tinged petal edges), which has secured an RNRS silver gilt medal for David Wilce, of Wakefield, Yorkshire. Mrs Pauline Naylor, of Leeds, Yorkshire, has won the Kilbee Stuart cup for most points.

In the RHS rhododendron competition Edmund de Rothschild, of Exbury Gardens, Southampton, Hampshire, has won the Lionel de Rothschild challenge cup for six species which include the distinctive purple *R. niveum*. The City of Swansea is showing hybrids between *niveum* and other species, all with light purple flowers, and has won the Crosfield challenge cup. First prize for six hybrids has been won by John A. Fox, of Crowborough, East Sussex, whose exhibit includes the beautiful clear pink "Naomi Glow".

Marie Christine de Laubarede, of Abingdon, Oxfordshire, is a leading prizewinner in the RHS ornamental plants' competition. Her exhibits include the unusual shrub *Rhodotypos scandens* with white papery flowers.

In the RHS late daffodil competition Brian Duncan, of Omagh, Co Tyrone, Northern Ireland, has won a silver-gilt Simmonds medal for 12 cultivars bred and raised by the exhibitor, and the Devonshire trophy for a further 12 cultivars. In both exhibits he has included the small-cupped "Bossa Nova" (red cup, pale orange petals). The best bloom in the show is the small cupped "Carole Lombard" (white, cup rimmed orange), which gained a Simmonds medal for Mr F. C. Postles, of Droitwich.

Mrs Smailes, of Barnsley, Yorkshire, has won a Simmonds medal for the best vase in the RHS tulip competition, with the flame-coloured Darwin Hybrid "Vivex".

The show, in the New Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.N. Broad
and Miss C.J. Watson
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Broad, of Prinsted, West Sussex, and Claire, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Hugh Watson, of Wimbledon, London.

Captain J.S.A. Carr-Smith
and Miss I-D. Archer-Palmer
The engagement is announced between Captain James Carr-Smith, Royal Dragoon Guards, elder son of Major-General and Mrs Stephen Carr-Smith, of Winchester, Hampshire, and Isabel-Diana, daughter of Mr George Palmer, and stepdaughter and daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Archer, of Welland Court, Worcestershire.

Mr I.L.E. Davis
and Miss E.L. Holt
The engagement is announced between Iain, youngest son of Mrs F.H. Davis, of Kelsall, Cheshire, and Erika, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Steve A. Holt, of Denver, Colorado, USA.

Mr P.S. Holden
and Miss D.K. Gooding
The engagement is announced between Peter Scott, youngest son of Mrs Marian Holden and Mr Stanley Holden, of Colorado, USA, and Deborah Karen, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Gooding, of Upton Grey, Hampshire.

Mr S.C. Northcott
and Miss J. Watson
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr Martin Northcott, of Langport, and Mrs Janet Northcott, of Petersfield, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Watson, of Norwich.

Mr R.G.S. Vaughan
and Miss C. Priest
The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr J.N. Vaughan, of Rio, Brazil, and Mrs J. Vaughan, of Taos, New Mexico, and Charlotte, daughter of the late Major F.C.T. Priest, RM, and Mrs A. Cowper, of Chichester, West Sussex.

Flight Lieutenant S.J. Hart, RAF,
and Miss K.L. Kennedy
The engagement is announced between Steven, son of Barry and Jenny Hart, of King's Lynn, Norfolk, and Liza, elder daughter of Alick and Wylda Kennedy, of Steuarthall, Stirling.

Mr M.B. Hook
and Miss M.R. Foster
The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs Victor Hook, of Lyne, Surrey, and Maryan, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Foster, of Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr R.T. Mather
and Miss G.M. Lees
The engagement is announced between Roger, only son of Dr and Mrs James Mather, of Titchfield, Hampshire, and Georgina (Gina), eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Lees, of Esher, Surrey.

Marriages

Mr J.L. Paltridge
and Miss M.E. Galpin
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 29, at St Peter's Church, Stetchworth, near Newmarket, of Mr James Lance Paltridge and Miss Mary Elizabeth Galpin.

A reception was held at Westley House, Westley Waterless.

Mr J. Reeder, QC,
and Miss P.P. Madden
The marriage took place on Thursday, April 20, in Athens, between Mr John Reeder, QC, and Miss Pauline Madden.

Mr J.W.J. Ritblat
and Miss J. Jackson
The marriage took place in Winchester, on Friday, April 28, between Mr James Ritblat, son of Mr John Ritblat and of the late Mrs Isabel Ritblat, and Miss Joanna Jackson, daughter of the late Brigadier T.G.H. Jackson and of Mrs Colin Macpherson.

A reception was held at The Mill, Droxford, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Premium Bonds

The following Premium Bond prize winners were announced yesterday:

£100,000: 38QT 108659, winner has a holding of £10,000 and comes from Oxfordshire; 24QL 513137, £13,600, Staffordshire.

£50,000: 37ES 029846, £20,000, Hertfordshire; 24LS 391483, £15,000, Hampshire; 21AN 202030, £8,996, Banffshire.

£25,000: 9KT 234331, £15, South Yorkshire; 30MB 394819, £8,030, Kent; 1PP 190230, £50, Gwynedd; 33KN 899688, £8,000, Kent.

Reception

British Red Cross
A reception was held at Berkeley Square Gallery yesterday as part of the 125th birthday celebrations of the British Red Cross.

Sir William Hayter

There will be a Memorial Service for Sir William Goodenough Hayter, KCMG, in New College Chapel on Saturday, June 10, 1995, at noon.

Austen Kopley

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Austen Kopley will be held at Westminster Abbey on Tuesday, June 27, 1995, at 6pm. Those wishing to attend are invited to apply for tickets, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, to: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 27, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, London, SW1P 3PA. Tickets will be posted on June 20. All will be most welcome at the Service.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will attend a reception given by the Royal College of Surgeons at the Mansion House at 6.00.

The Princess of Wales will attend a luncheon with members of the Merchant Taylors' Company at Merchant Taylors' Hall at 12.30.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Animal Health Trust, will attend the annual meeting of the council of management at The Kennel Club at 11.00; and, as Master of the Woolmen's Company, will attend the installation court meeting and dinner at Painters' Hall at 5.25.

The Duke of Gloucester will be present at the launch of the Gloucestershire Development Agency at Nuclear Electric, Pall Mall, at 12.15.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as President of the General Welfare of the Blind, will visit the factory at Dallow Road, Luton, at 3.00.

The Duke of Kent will attend the 50th anniversary of the Polish Institute and Sikorski Museum, Princes Gate, at 5.00.

Princess Alexandra, as president, will attend the annual court of the Royal Humane Society at Haberdashers' Hall at 3.00.

Service dinner

All Arms Watchkeepers and Liaison Officers Pool (V)
Mr Norman Chalmers, Master, the Gardeners' Company, was guest of honour at a dinner of the officers of the All Arms Watchkeepers and Liaison Officers Pool (V) held last night at the Royal Artillery, Woolwich, for the company.

Birthdays today

Sheila McKechnie, director, Consumers' Association, is 47

Mr James Brown, soul singer, 62; Miss Pat Chapman, former Editor, *News of the World*, 47; Mrs Kathy Cook, athlete, 35; Mr Henry Cooper, boxer, 61; Sir Graham Day, former chairman, British Aerospace, 62; Mr Ben Elton, author and comedian, 36; Sir Russell Fairgrieve, former MP, 71; Sir William Glock, music lecturer and critic, 87; Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Gray, 63; Sir William Gray, former Lord Provost of Glasgow, 67; Dr David Harrison, Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge, 65; Mr M.A. Jones, former chief executive, Association of British Insurers, 51; Professor Ruth Lister, former director, Child Poverty Action Group, 46; Mr Edward Loyden, MP, 72; Colonel Sir Michael McCorkell, Lord-Lieutenant of County Londonderry, 70; Sir Christopher MacRae, diplomat, 58; Mr Randle Manwaring, poet, 83; Mr Peter Oosterhuis, golfer, 46; Professor Anne Robertson, Roman numismatist, 85; Viscount St Vincent, 90; Baroness Seccombe, 65; Dr Norbert Singer, former Vice-Chancellor, Greenwich University, 64; Mr Norman Thelwell, illustrator and cartoonist, 72; Miss Sandi Toksvig, comedienne and writer, 37; Mr Allan Wells, athlete, 43.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Cardinal Pedro Gonzalez de Mendoza, prelate and statesman, Spain, 1428; Niccolo Machiavelli, diplomat and writer, Florence, 1469; Emmanuel-Joseph Sieyes, statesman, Fréjus, 1748; August von Kotzebue, dramatist, Weimar, Germany, 1761; Edward Dowden, critic, Cork, 1843; Richard D'Oyly Carte, impresario, founder of the Savoy Theatre, London, and the Royal Opera House (now the Palace Theatre), London, 1844; Bernhard, Prince von Bülow, German Imperial Chancellor 1900-09, Klein-Flottbeck, 1849; François Coty, perfume manufacturer, Ajaccio, Corsica, 1874; Golda Meir, Prime Minister of Israel 1969-74, Kiev, 1898; Sugar Ray Robinson, boxer, Detroit, 1921.

DEATHS: Thomas Hood, poet, London, 1845; Barry Sullivan, actor, Brighton, 1891.

Columbus discovered Jamaica, 1494.

King George VI and Queen Elizabeth opened the Festival of Britain on London's South Bank, 1951.

Clifton High School, Bristol

Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Yvonne Graham, Drs Litt (Amsterdam), Headmistress of Lavant House, Chichester, to the Headship of Clifton High School from January 1996, in succession to Mrs Joyce Walters who is retiring after ten years in the post.

Diplomatic Service

Mr Peter Holmes to be Ambassador to Honduras from August in succession to Mr P. Morgan who will be moving to a new appointment.

Mr Peter Vereker to be United Kingdom Permanent Representative to the OECD at Paris in succession to Mr Keith MacInnes *who will be retiring*. Mr Vereker will hold the personal rank of ambassador.

Appointments

Mr Richard Seddon to be President of the Royal Watercolour Society in succession to Mr Leslie Worth who retired on April 24.

Rear-Admiral Patrick Rowe to be Deputy Master of Trinity House in succession to Captain Sir Malcolm Edge, who will retire on July 14.

Miss Audrey Olga Helen Sander to be a Circuit judge, assigned to the Western Circuit.

Retirements

Judge Heald and Judge Fanner have retired from the Midland & Oxford and Western Circuits respectively.

Dinners

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the hosts at a dinner held last night at City Hall. Among those present were:

The Apostolic Nuncio, the Kuwaiti Ambassador and Mrs Al Duwaisan, the Cuban Ambassador, Lord and Lady Chorley, Lord and Lady Hunt of Tanworth, Sir Peter Emery, MP, and Lady Emery, Sir Brian and Lady Shaw, Major-General and Mrs Lennox Napier, Mr and Mrs William Fraser, Mr and Mrs John Holland, Mr Murdo MacLean and Mr and Mrs Stanley Martin.

Army Board
Mr Roger Freeman, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, was the host at a dinner given by the Army Board last night at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, in honour of Lieutenant-General Reginald Otto, Chief of the South African Army.

Among those present were:

Lieutenant-General the Hon Sir William and Lady Rous, General Sir Charles and Lady Guthrie, General Sir Michael and Lady Wilkes, General Sir Brian and Lady Kenny, Lieutenant-General Sir John and Lady Foley, Sir Ewen and Lady Fergusson, Lieutenant-General and Mrs Robert Hayman-Joyce, Colonel van der Westhuizen, Captain and Mrs Arne Soderlund, Mrs Freeman, Mrs Otto, Mr and Mrs Moray Stewart, Mr and Mrs Anthony Goodenough and Mr and Mrs Charles Masefield.

St John Historical Society
Lord Craigmyle, President of The British Association of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, was the principal guest and speaker at the annual dinner of the St John Historical Society held on Saturday, April 29, at the Royal National Hotel, London, WC1. Mr Barry Theobald-Hicks, president, proposed the loyal toast and Mr David Fenton was in the chair. Among those present were:

Mrs David Fenton, Lieutenant Commander and Mrs James MacLaren Anderson, Lieutenant Commander John Bedells, Howard Pursuivant Extraordinary of Arms, and Mrs Bedells, Dr Esmond Dawson, JP, and Mrs Dawson, Dr and Mrs Malcolm Barber, Mr Leslie Webb, MBE, and Mrs Webb, Miss Mary Neville-Kay, OBE, Mr Derek Fenton, MVO, MBE, DL, and Mrs Fenton and members and their guests.

Shipwrights' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Shipwrights' Company for the ensuing year:

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BARRELL - On April 26th, to Nicola (née Lodge) and Alexander, a son, Bertram Thomas Conan.

BENSLEY - On 21st March, to Lesley (née Sillifant) and Paul, a son, Tom William Hamilton, a brother for Harriet and Catherine.

BENTLEY - To Lori and Jeremy, on 25th April 1995, in Singapore, a daughter, Harriet Elizabeth, a sister for Gemma.

BRAKE - On May 1st at the Wellington Hospital, to Pauline (née Evernden) and Christopher, a daughter, Chloe Eugenie, sister to Emma, John and José. Many thanks to all.

BRIGNALL - On May 1st, in Arequipa, to Clare (née Gibbs) and Simon, a son.

CAMSEY - On April 28th 1995, to Lucy (née Adams) and Jonathan, a daughter, Abigail Sasha, a sister for Samuel.

CANSDALE - On May 1st, to Joanna (née Holt) and Jonathan, a beautiful daughter, Zoe Alison, a sister for Maxwell. A first granddaughter to Beatrice, James and Jean.

CLARK - On April 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Natalie and Robin, a beautiful son, Joseph Ayrton.

CORNISH - On 1st May, to Fiona (née Cameron) and Paul, a son, Duncan Matthew, a brother for Emily, Archie and Charlie.

HAMMOND - On April 19th, to Catherine (née Shipsey) and Tim, a son, James John Anthony, a brother for Clare, Rebecca and Kate.

HARTTUNG - On April 29th at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Tatjana and Alex, a son, Sebastian Alexander.

HEADLAM-MORLEY - On May 2nd 1995, in York, to Alexandra (née Dunne) and Peter, a son, Oliver Philip.

HOUSE - On April 29th at Bedford Hospital, to Ann (née McNiff) and Sean, a son, Charles James.

MASTERTON - On April 26th, to Caroline (née Mayfield) and James, a daughter, Eliza May Rowena.

MATHEWSON - On April 29th, to Alice (née Leveson-Gower) and Mark, a son, William Niel Charles.

MEADOWCROFT
NARAYAN - On 26th April, to Ann and Harry, a daughter, Isobel Anne, a sister for Freya.

MESROBIAN - On 29th April at The Portland Hospital, to Susan and Peter, a son, Andrew Hauser, a brother for Michael, Mark and Claire.

BIRTHS

ONSLOW - On 1st May at The Portland Hospital, to Lucinda (née Campbell Fraser) and Richard, a son, Charles Patrick.

ORTIZ - On April 28th 1995 at The Portland Hospital, to Kimberley (née Robson) and Simon, a handsome son, Eduardo Roberto Jaime.

POWELL - On 27th April 1995, at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Philippa (née Lumsden) and David, a daughter, Eleanor.

ROWELL - On 29th April 1995, to Anne (née van den Berg), wife of Christopher, a daughter, Esther Rose, a sister for Constance.

TOMES - On May 1st, to Alister and Agnieszka (née Biernat), a son, Adam Gordon.

VINEALL - On 26th April 1995, to Kate (née Jenkins) and Nicholas, a son, Edward Anthony Gorley.

WINNETT - On April 18th, to Vanessa (née Barrett-Greene) and Nigel, a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth.

DEATHS

ADDISON - On 28th April 1995, peacefully in hospital, Crystal (Crick), of Sturminster Newton, widow of the late Andrew Addison. Funeral private. Memorial Service 3 pm Tuesday 9th May 1995 at St Mary's Church, Sturminster Newton. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, for The Macmillan Nurses Fund may be sent to Eason Funeral Services, Newell, Sherborne, Dorset.

BAILEY - On April 29th 1995, very peacefully, Nellie Elizabeth, in her 100th year. Mother of Eileen and Kenneth, beloved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at Newcastle-under-Lyme Crematorium, Bradwell, 3pm Friday May 5th. No flowers, please. Donations if desired to St Mary's Home, Margaret Street, Stone, Staffordshire.

BOWER - Captain George A.F., Royal Navy, on 2nd May at home. Husband of Lois and father of Richard. Cremation at Guildford Crematorium 12 noon Tuesday 9th May. No mourning. No flowers.

CRAVEN - On 27th April, Dorothy Grace, suddenly at Stella House, Ealing. Funeral Service at the Church of the Ascension, Beaufort Road, Ealing, at 2 pm on Thursday 4th May followed by private cremation. Donations if desired to Star & Garter Home, Richmond, Surrey.

DUNSTON - On May 1st 1995, suddenly, Richard Michael Dunston O.B.E. Beloved husband of Ella Dawn, father of Jane and Derek and stepfather to Judy and Peter. Private cremation. No flowers. No letters please.

DEATHS

EBBETT - On 28th April 1995, peacefully after a courageous fight against cancer, Judy, dearly loved wife of David and beloved mother of Stephen. Funeral service in thanksgiving for her life at Ealing Abbey at 1.15 pm on Friday 5th May. Flowers to Christopher Wickenden FS, 71 Greenford Avenue, Hanwell, London W7 1LJ.

EDWARDS - On April 30th 1995, suddenly in hospital, Thomas William, aged 4 years 11 months. Lovely son of John and Sheila and devoted brother of Jack. Enquiries re funeral arrangements to Camp Hopson F/D, tel: (01635) 522210.

EGERTON-SMITH - Irene Katherine (née Rowlands) aged 85 peacefully on 1st May 1995. Dear wife of the late Legh and much loved mother of David, Guy and of dear Margaret who died on Boxing Day 1994 and grandmother of Simon, Tom, Olivia and Hermione. Funeral Service at Whitegate Parish Church on Wednesday 10th May at 12 noon followed by private burial. Enquiries to George Bell Funeral Service, telephone Northwich (01606) 42534.

GARNETT-ORME - On April 29th 1995, Audley, beloved husband of Lorna and most dearly loved father of Peter, Elizabeth and Gordon. Funeral Service at Newton St Cyres Church on Friday May 5th at 2 pm, followed by interment. *Family flowers* only please but donations, if desired, for The Devon Air Ambulance c/o A. White & Sons, Peoples Park Road, Crediton.

GORDON - On 2nd May, peacefully at home, Miranda, beloved wife of Neil and mother of Tessa and Wendy.

GRANT - On 29th April, Venetia Barbara, of St George's Retreat, Burgess Hill, passed away peacefully aged 54 years. Funeral and Thanksgiving Service at 11am Monday May 8th at St Margaret's Church, Ditchling, Sussex.

HARE - On April 29th peacefully at home, Stanley George Hare, dearly loved and loving husband of Joan, father of Linda and Richard, father-in-law to Janee and Roger, stepfather to Madeleine and Nicholas, dear Poppa to Philippa, Oliver, Eleanor and Alexander and beloved brother of Ethel. Funeral Service 3 pm Tuesday 9th May at St Lawrence's Church, Eastwoodbury Lane, Eastwood, Southend-on-Sea followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Southend-on-Sea Talking Newspaper for the Blind c/o S. Stibbards & Sons Ltd., 4 Commonhall Lane, Hadleigh, Essex SS7 2RN.

DEATHS

HATT - (London and Dublin). On 2nd May at home, peacefully, Barry (B.J.). Beloved husband of Moira, dearly loved father of Margaret, Laurence, Barry, Carol and David. Splendid grandfather to Stephen, Alexander, Stephanie, Vicky, Gillian, Louise, Alison, Katie and Rachel, sadly missed by his loving family, daughters-in-law Michelle, Elizabeth and Helen, sons-in-law Ian and Brendan, brother Roy, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, relatives and friends. Rest in Peace. Removal from Fanagans Funeral Home, Lower Main Street, Dundrum to Church of St Laurence O'Toole, Kilmacud, arriving 6 o'clock this Wednesday evening. Funeral tomorrow Thursday after 10 am Mass to Shanganagh Cemetery.

HILL - On May 1st 1995 suddenly at home, Josephine aged 85, widow of Ian Hill. Beloved mother of Betsy and Heather and much loved grandmother. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service St Mary's Church, Widdington, Essex at 3 pm on Thursday May 4th. Family flowers only - any donations to: Multiple Sclerosis Society c/o H. Peasgood & Son, Shire Hill, Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden, Essex.

KAYE - On April 29th 1995, peacefully in The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Millicent Dora of Oswestry. Funeral Service at St Oswald's Parish Church, Oswestry, on Wednesday May 10th at 12.30 pm followed by interment at St Mary's Parish Church, Wappenham, Northants., on Thursday May 11th. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Guide Dogs for the Disabled. Enquiries to David Davies & Sons. (01691) 653116.

KIBBLE - Eira, on May 1st, passed away peacefully after a short illness. Devoted wife of Jack and dearly loved by Elizabeth, Christopher, Ian, Tamsin and Ben. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium at 12 30 pm on Friday May 5th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, Waverley Lane, Farnham, Surrey.

KIDSON - On April 30th, at home, after a long and brave fight against cancer, Margaret Isabel, dearly loved wife of Geoffrey, mother of Michael, Anne and Caroline and grandmother of Eleanor and Isabel. Funeral at Oxford Crematorium on Tuesday 9th May at 1 pm. Family flowers only. Donations please to Sir Michael Sobell House c/o A.W. Bruce Ltd., 29 Rogers Street, Oxford.

LEVINSON - On 1st May 1995, at Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow, after a short illness, Louis, beloved husband of Edna and devoted father of Sharon, Martin and Stephen. Deeply missed by all his *family*.

DEATHS

MacDOUGALL - On April 28th at St Paul's Hospital, Winchester, after a long illness borne with great courage and dignity, Rosalie, widow of Ivor Anderson MacDougall O.B.E. and loving mother of Gordon, Mary and Anne. Service at Wonston Parish Church on Tuesday May 9th at 2.30pm. Flowers to Jno. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester (01962) 844044.

MAGOR - On May 1st 1995, Walter Magor C.M.G., O.B.E., D.L., aged 83 years, of St Tudy, Cornwall. Funeral 3 pm Friday May 5th at St Tudy Church. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for St Tudy Church Restoration Fund c/o R. Bray Funeral Director, Bridgend, Wadebridge, PL27 6BX.

MARKWICK - On May 1st 1995 at home Douglas Wilfrid, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Service at Macclesfield Crematorium on Friday May 5th 1995 at 3pm. Please join the family afterwards at home. All enquiries to Albert R. Slack (Funeral Director) Ltd., tel: Wilmslow (01625) 525063.

PERCEVAL - Elsie (Sheila), greatly loved wife of J.R. Perceval, of Hove, peacefully at The Royal Sussex County Hospital on 30th April 1995. Service at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Friday 5th May at 10.15 am.

PELBROW - On 2nd May 1995, peacefully at home in Beaulieu, Ashleigh Gordon, much loved husband of Pamela and father of Peter, Nicholas and David. Thanksgiving Service at Beaulieu Abbey 2 pm Saturday May 6th. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

RIDGWAY - (née Little) peacefully on April 29th 1995, at home in the care of her family and close friends, Sarah Elizabeth aged 26 years of Porthill, Newcastle-under-Lyme. Funeral Service at St Margaret's Church, Wolstanton, Newcastle-under-Lyme on Friday May 5th at 2 pm followed by cremation at Bradwell Crematorium. No flowers please, by request. Donations if desired for the North Staffordshire Hospitals Cancer Fund, c/o The Family. Enquiries to Williamson Brothers, Funeral Directors, Stoke-on-Trent, tel: (01782) 212880.

ROBERTS - Henry, of Trinity, Jersey, C.I., tragically at sea on 27th September 1994, dearly loved father of Lesley and Frances, who is greatly missed by all his family. No letters or flowers please but donations, if wished, to Greenpeace Environmental Trust, Canonbury Villas, *London N1 2PN*

DEATHS

SEAFORD - Lady Noreen passed away suddenly and peacefully at the General Hospital, Jersey, on Friday *28th April 1995. Widow of* Sir Frederick Seaford C.B.E., beloved mother of the late Felicity Tarrant. All enquiries please to H.W. Maillard & Son Ltd. Funeral Directors. tel: (01534) 37291.

STARR - Jack, Stanley, on 30th April at St. Germain en Laye, France, aged 78. Sadly missed by his beloved Françoise and Rebecca. Funeral service at Père Lachaise, Crématorium, Paris on Tuesday 9th May at 2:15 pm. No flowers. Donations may be sent to: Médecins sans Frontières, 124 Clerkenwell Road, London EC1R 5DL.

THURSO - Peacefully at home on Saturday, 29th April, Sir Robin Macdonald Sinclair, Bt., 2nd Viscount Thurso of Ulbster. Beloved husband of Margaret and father of John, Patrick and Camilla, stepfather of Deirdre and grandfather of Louisa, James and George, Jody, Luke and Celeste, Mevagh and Nina, Philip, Steven, Padraic, David and Emma. Funeral from Thurso West Church of Scotland tomorrow (Thursday) at 11.45 am followed by private interment at Dalnawillan. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if desired, to British Lung Foundation.

VANDERFELT - On May 1st, suddenly and peacefully, Barry, dear son of Madge. Cremation private. No letters.

WARE - Margaret Beryl, *formerly Ellis (née Muslin)*, on 30th April 1995, passed away peacefully after a long illness bravely borne. Beloved wife of the late Bernard, much loved mother of Susan, David, Gillian, Helen, the late Patrick, and Jane and a cherished grandmother. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Great Ormond Street Hospital may be sent c/o Freeman Brothers, 9 North Parade, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 2BP tel: (01403) 254590.

WATKINS - On 30th April 1995, peacefully at home, George, beloved husband of Marie, loving father of Brian and devoted grandfather of John and Richard. Service at St Anselm's Church, Hatch End, on 5th May at 2 pm, followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip. Family flowers. Donations to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund c/o T.A. Ellement, 21 Bridge Street, Pinner, Middx, HA5 3HR.

WHURR - Martha, widow of George, and loved mother of Peter and Colin, peacefully *in Edinburgh May 1st 1995.*

DEATHS

WOODARD - Thomas Woodard L.V.O., F.S.G., on 29th April 1995, passed away peacefully at Whipps Cross Hospital, aged 90, much loved husband of Winifred Woodard of Loughton, Essex. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Loughton, at 2.30 pm on Friday 5th May. Family flowers only.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ADRIAN - A Memorial Service for Professor the Lord Adrian, MD, FRCP, FRS, DL, formerly Vice-Chancellor and Master of Pembroke College, Cambridge, will be held at Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge, on Saturday, 24th June 1995 at 2.30 pm.

JENKINS - Garth. Memorial/Thanksgiving Service, St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, 10th May 1995, 3 pm. All friends/colleagues welcome.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

MORRELL - Nicholas Hugh (Nick) Eubige Ashley.

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OBITUARIES

HIS HONOUR JUDGE FELIX WALEY

His Honour Judge Felix Waley, VRD, QC, Judge Advocate of the Fleet, died on April 16 aged 69. He was born on April 14, 1926.

FELIX WALEY was a master of two professional disciplines, the law and the navy, and combined them most successfully throughout his adult life. In his service career he managed to wear the uniform of all three of the Armed Services.

Educated at Charterhouse and Worcester College, Oxford, Andrew Felix Waley served as a lance-corporal in the Home Guard in 1943 and 1944, and then served in the Royal Navy from 1945 to 1948. Initially an ordinary seaman, he quickly became a sub-lieutenant, and went on active service in the Far East, operating minesweepers from Trincomalee and Singapore. On return to the United Kingdom, he saw further service in the Home Fleet and then in 1948 was released and went up to Oxford.

It was here, as a member of the University Air Squadron, that he donned the "light blue" uniform while serving as a pilot officer undergoing flying training. In 1951 he returned to the Royal Navy on arrival in London to pursue his legal studies, joining the London division of the RNVR as an acting lieutenant. He remained an active RNVR and RNR officer for the next twenty years, retiring in 1972 as a commander with almost unparalleled experience in the running and handling of minesweepers. He was awarded the Volunteer Reserve Decoration in 1961 and was awarded a clasp to it in 1970.

The Navy also brought him his wife. He met Petica Rose, daughter of Sir Marcus Rose, in 1955 when she was serving in the WRNS as a third officer. A man of swift decision and action, he met, proposed to and married her in a matter of weeks.

He was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1953 and joined Edward Cusson's Chambers in No 1 Dr Johnson's Buildings. Starting at the Bar in the early 1950s was not easy but he steadily built up a common law practice. Although he never completely left the civil law his work was increasingly in the criminal courts and, as his practice developed, he was engaged in many celebrated cases — one of the earliest being the Great Train Robbery.

He was the only person surprised when his first application for silk was successful in 1973. He was soon in demand all over the country. He was a persuasive and entertaining advocate and, where necessary, a forceful one — a great fighter. He became head of his chambers, by then moved to Temple Gardens, a Bencher of the Middle Temple in 1981 and sat as a Recorder of the Crown Court, 1974-82.

In 1974 Waley had moved to the aptly-named Pleasure House in Kent and three years later, after his appointment as Circuit Judge, he became the Resident Judge in Kent centred on Maidstone, with an important second centre at Canterbury. Not from Kent by birth or upbringing, he developed a deep attachment to the county, its people and its history.

It was a very great disappointment to him that it was decided to make the Canterbury Court Centre completely autonomous, thus effectively splitting the county in two. He regarded it as a barbaric act, abandoning centuries of history for administrative convenience. It strengthened his resolve to keep bureaucracy at bay where he could.

Judge Waley ran his court with authority and with dispatch — sometimes more expeditiously than counsel liked. He liked to get straight to the point, to the heart of the matter. He was clear in his judgments, often bold, quick to come to a decision and, if occasionally too quick, he had the courage and humility to acknowledge it openly and to hear further argument. He could be stern in sentence with younger offenders but also showed a depth of understanding and humanity which some of them may have found surprising.

Maidstone ran well under his leadership and he fostered the closest ties with the Kent magistracy, the Bar, solicitors and innumerable local organisations, giving up a lot of his free time. Despite this great workload, he had a most successful year as president of the Council of Circuit Judges last year. His service to Kent was marked by his appointment in 1992 as a Deputy Lieutenant.

In 1986 he returned to the Navy once more when he was appointed by the Lord Chancellor to serve as the Judge Advocate of the Fleet. The 24th holder of this office since its inception in 1661 he thus became the adviser to the Admiralty Board on legal matters. In this impartial role he oversaw, among other duties, the conduct of naval discipline and in particular of courts-martial.

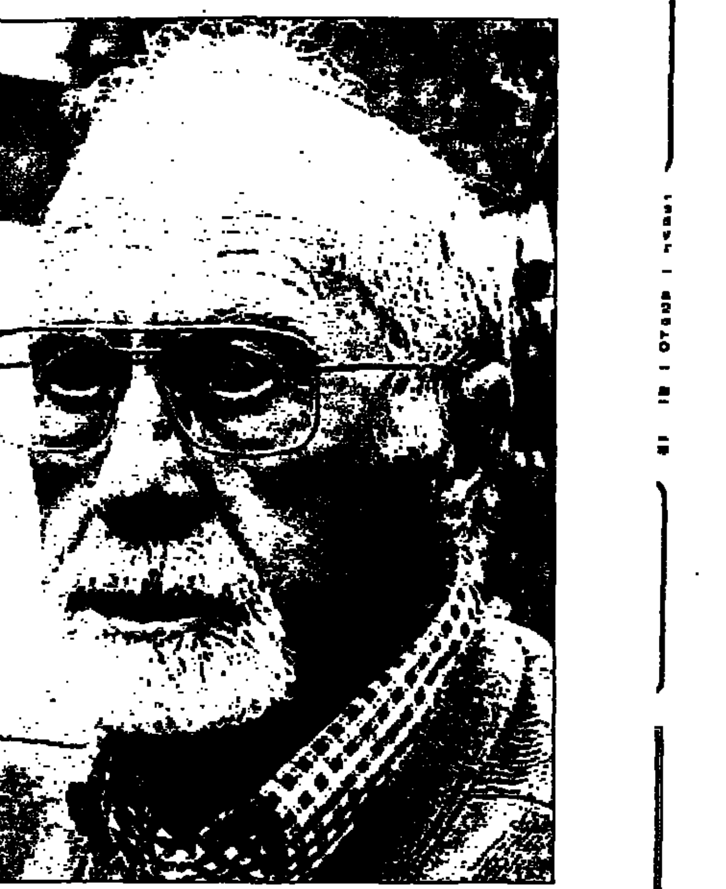
Robust and pragmatic he accepted only the highest standards of practice while remaining approachable and prodigal with his time and advice in this demanding role. The contact that this appointment brought him was much admired and liked both throughout the service and by colleagues from other nations and navies.

In his private life Felix Waley was a man of considerable energy and diversity. He served as a Conservative councillor in Paddington from 1956 to 1959; in 1959 he stood as the Conservative candidate for the Dagenham constituency. Campaigning at factory gates from the back of a flat-bed lorry, he revelled in the cut-and-thrust of the hustings and in later life would proudly boast that he had reduced the Labour majority by some 4,000 votes. More privately, he gave much time to a number of charitable and other bodies. Most noteworthy were the years he worked for the Samaritans, from the beginning of that organisation until his appointment to the Bench, during which period he gave many nights to the task of answering the telephone calls of those who sought help, advice or reassurance.

A renowned raconteur and speaker, his sense of fun permeated all he did. When giving up a lifetime of blue water recreational sailing for the inland waterways of Europe he named his converted Dutch coal barge *Antic*: he felt that the dictionary definition of this word — "a grotesque and amusing gesture" — accurately described his sudden decision to purchase this vessel. As with all the sudden decisions in his full life, it was a great success.

He is survived by his wife Petica, one son and three daughters.

WALTER TRACY



Walter Tracy, typographer, died on April 28 aged 81. He was born on February 14, 1914.

WALTER TRACY was one of the very few professional designers of printing type, with a career firmly grounded both in typographical design and the technical side of printing. Among his more notable achievements, Tracy designed a new typeface for *The Times*, Times Europa, which was introduced in October 1972. The problem facing him was that the side walls of the matrices of Times New Roman were then breaking up under the strain of longer print runs and faster schedules.

Europa was described in the house magazine as "a robust and well-rounded letter, wider than Times Roman, with good stroke-contrast and crispness of cut, giving it sufficient strength and colour to survive thin inking and fast running on lightweight newsprint". It remained until the replacement of hot metal composition by photo typesetting, and by 1982 *The Times* had reverted to a new version of Times New Roman.

Born in Islington, Walter Tracy was the son of a seaman in the Royal Navy. His education was London based, at Shoreditch Central School, whence he moved to the Central School of Arts and Crafts to train as a compositor. Apprenticeship at the London works of William Clowes followed from 1930 to 1935, but after a few months as a journeyman he moved to the Baynard Press which, under Fred Phillips, had established a considerable name for typographic design. In 1938 he joined the advertising firm of Notley as a designer, where, to his chagrin — for he was found unfit for active service — he remained during the war.

In 1946 he decided to work as an independent typographer, and soon after James Shand, managing director of the Shenval Press, asked him to lay out the books which he and Robert Harling were to publish under the imprint of Arts and Technics. It was a turning-point in his life. Shand, who had an advisory role with the Linotype Company, suggested that Tracy should edit their journal, *Linotype Matrix*: in fact, he wrote and designed most of the first twenty or so issues. He was soon supervising the development of new typefaces and in 1947 — the bulk of the Arts and Technics work completed — joined Linotype fulltime.

There he developed a complete knowledge of the requirements (and limitations) of linecast metal type, particularly as required and used by newspapers. Although Linotype produced some distinguished book types in his time, Tracy's own special contribution was in the field of newspaper types. Jubilee (1953) was his first success: the first newspaper to adopt it was the *Glasgow Herald*, followed by the *Daily Mail* and *The Daily Telegraph*. Adsans (1959) and Maximus (1969) were a notable improvement on most small advertising types, and Telegraph Modern (1969) brought a new clarity to *The Daily Telegraph* without destroying its traditional appearance. Among his other designs were the related "Gold" and "Silver" Hebrew types, produced under the pseudonym "David Silver".

Tracy's connection with *The Times* went back to 1965, when he was asked by Francis Mathew, then General Manager, to assist the Editor, Sir William Haley, in the revision of the form of the paper which culminated in the appearance of news on the front page on May 3, 1966. He continued as adviser to *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, and in 1972 was called in to provide a successor to Stanley Morison's Times New Roman (1932). The result, Times Europa, satisfied both the aesthetic demands for dignified presentation and the stringent limits of the manufacturing processes employed at the time.

Soon after he moved to Linotype's associated firm, Linotype-Paul, to take charge of the typographic work involved in their new photo-typesetting systems, particularly in the development of computer-directed versions of exotic (non-roman) scripts. He was also elected Royal Designer for Industry in 1973. In his retirement Tracy turned to authorship and wrote two books, *Letters of Credit: a view of type design* (1986) and *The Typographic Scene* (1988), respectively studies of a number of the great type designs of the past and some reflections on contemporary typography. They were both written with the same unassuming clarity that distinguished his design work.

Tracy was a small man, not at first sight an imposing figure. A few minutes' conversation with him, however, would reveal the independence, originality and forcefulness of his mind, a quality he shared with Stanley Morison, along with a determined avoidance of self-assertion. All these characteristics were borne out in his type-designs. They were all admirably fitted for the purpose for which they were intended, and drawn with an assurance grounded in a sound technical education improved by practical experience.

He married Muriel Frances Campbell in 1942, who survives him.

ANGIER BIDDLE DUKE

Angier Biddle Duke, American diplomat and tobacco heir, died following a road accident in Southampton, Long Island, on April 29 aged 79. He was born in New York on November 30, 1915.

ROLLERBLADING, which is what Angier Duke was doing when he was killed, is not a sport usually associated with septuagenarian diplomats. But then Duke was not a usual sort of man.

The great-nephew of James Buchanan Duke, who founded the American Tobacco Company in 1890, he was born to riches and his family confidently expected a brilliant career.

But for a long time it seemed they would be disappointed. Duke dropped out of Yale after two years, was briefly married and divorced, and before he was 25 had acquired a considerable reputation for social excess. He drank too much, drove too fast and worked too little. Arrested several times for speeding, Duke got at least one suspended jail sentence and he had his driver's licence revoked by New York State in 1939.

And then, after America entered the Second World War, Duke underwent a sea-change. He served as a United States Air Force officer in North Africa and Europe and saw the ravages of war at first hand, including interviewing survivors of Nazi concentration camps. Discharged with the rank of major, Duke was a different man.

In 1949 he was invited by Stanton Griffis, the newly-appointed US Ambassador to Argentina, to join him as an assistant. Duke, who spoke Spanish, was supposed to confine his role to social functions. In the event he did a great deal more, and President Truman was so impressed that he appointed him Ambassador to El Salvador in 1952.

At the age of 36 he was the youngest person to hold such a post in American history, and he worked hard at it. A Salvadorian newspaper recorded that within a year he had "dedicated more sewers, slaughterhouses and clinics than half a dozen politicians". That same year Duke married for the third time — a second marriage having also ended in divorce — and converted to Roman Catholicism.

As befitted his wealth, Duke was originally a Republican, but he became an active worker for Democratic causes in the late 1940s and thus lost his ambassadorship during the Eisenhower Administration. Instead, he began working for the International Rescue Committee, a group devoted to assisting refugees, and travelled to Europe in 1956 to help survivors of the Hungarian revolution.

In 1960 Duke was asked by President Kennedy, a personal friend, to become his chief of protocol with the rank of ambassador. The diplomatic community, at first doubtful of his reputation, later came to applaud his efficiency and seriousness of purpose, especially in his supervision of the protocol for world leaders who came to attend Kennedy's funeral in 1963.

President Lyndon Johnson sent Duke to Spain as US Ambassador in 1965, and he soon found himself in diplomatic hot water when a B-52 bomber accidentally dropped four unarmed hydrogen bombs, totalling 100 megatons of explosive power, in the Mediterranean near Palomares.

To counter fears of radioactive contamination, which threatened to damage the Spanish tourist industry, Duke stripped off and went swimming from the beach in Palomares, braving the March chill, to prove there was no danger. All the bombs were eventually recovered.

Duke left his Spanish post in 1967 to serve briefly as Johnson's chief of protocol, and later held ambassadorships to Denmark, 1968-69, and to Morocco, 1979-81. In between he served as New York City's Commissioner of Civic Affairs and Public Events, at a salary of $1 per year — the same pay he received, after his retirement from the foreign service, as Chancellor of the Southampton Centre of Long Island University.

Angier Duke's third wife, Maria-Luisa, died in an air crash in 1961. He is survived by his fourth wife, Robin, whom he married in 1962, and by three sons and one daughter.

Angier Biddle Duke with President Kennedy

ON THIS DAY

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While those who have no liking for bull-fighting generally base their dislike on the treatment and fate of the bull it may be sometimes forgotten what a rough time is had by the horses of the picadors, particularly when both horse and rider are charged by an infuriated bull.

BULL-FIGHTING.

THE STORY OF MEDALLITA.

(FROM OUR MADRID CORRESPONDENT.)

Easter week at Seville, when bull-fighters unstiffen their joints after a winter of leisure (unless they have crossed the Atlantic to engage the attention of South American aficionados) is now past, and *corrida* follows *corrida* with a monotony unbroken by the appearance of any new " stars."

While the treatment meted out to the bull has often been deplored, perhaps less has been said about the fate of the horses of the *picadores*. Those who feel strongly about this will welcome the decision to make the use of the padded coat (*petos*) obligatory.

Even so, the use of *petos* has not yet been so beneficial as was expected to the hard-tried mounts of the *picadores*. *Empresarios* continue to provide only the sorriest nags for the fight. It was hoped that as the *petos* reduced the mortality in horses from six to one in the average *corrida*, it would be possible to keep better, stronger, and heavier mounts in the ring stables. This has not come about. The reason given by the stable-masters is that no horse will stand more than three bull-fights, for his terror of the bull——called " bull shock "——becomes so great that no manner of beating will get him into the ring . . .

Last season at the Tetuan Ring, on the outskirts of Madrid, a horse, blind in one eye, was brought in by some gypsies and purchased for the equivalent of 50s. Although the gypsy owner said that he was a willing and wonderful animal, he appeared to be such a sorry specimen that for some weeks no *picador* would look at him. Finally, however, a *picador* rode Medallita out, and at the first charge horse and rider were heavily thrown by a furious and powerful bull. Most horses thus treated lie stunned until thrashed to their feet by the long canes of the red-sashed *monosabios* (attendants). Medallita struggled up alone and when mounted again faced the bull quietly. This he did time and again and at the end of the season he held the stupendous record of having been ridden against 38 bulls. No fewer than 70 pike-strokes were delivered from his back. Though terribly punished by falls and six times seriously wounded by the bulls, Medallita never once baulked or showed fear. He became the favourite mount of the *picadores* and when not in hospital was always in the ring. Last autumn the secretary of the Federacion Iberica de Sociedades Protectoras visited the Tetuan stable-master El Cartagena (in common with gypsies, most men in the ring use nicknames) and offered the buy the horse. El Cartagena listened in silence to the request and then said: " No, I will not sell him to you. I cannot sell such a brave animal. I will give him to you."

When they came to fetch Medallita to take him to a princely estate he was out doing an odd day's work ploughing. " Look," said the ploughman : " see how willing he is," and he *showed*, quite unconcernedly, how the *serreta* (cavesson iron) had bitten half an inch deep into Medallita's nose. His last wound, let us hope.

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Refusal by taxing master can be reviewed

Regina v Supreme Court Taxing Office, Ex parte John Singh & Co

Before Mr Justice Latham

[Judgment April 11]

The decision of a taxing master not to issue a certificate for matters raising a point of principle of general importance under regulation 16(1) of the Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (Costs) Regulations (SI 1989 No 343) was susceptible of judicial review.

Points of principle of general importance could include the ambit of an appeal to a taxing master and the procedure adopted, and whether a determining officer or taxing master was entitled to conclude that although each individual item claimed was justified, a process of aggregation showed that the time claimed was unreasonable.

Mr Justice Latham so stated in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing an application for judicial review by John Singh & Co, a firm of solicitors, of the refusal by the Supreme Court Taxing Office on August 5, 1993 of a certificate under regulation 16(1) of the 1989 Regulations.

Mr Richard Gordon, QC, for the solicitors; Miss Clare Montgomery for the taxing office.

MR JUSTICE LATHAM rejected the submission made in reliance on *R v Shemilt (taxing officer), Ex parte Buckley* (unreported 1988) that the court had no jurisdiction to review a decision of a deputy master to refuse to issue a certificate because he was an officer of the Supreme Court. The question of jurisdiction had to be resolved by looking at the functions being performed by the person or body whose decision was challenged and not the office held by that person or the general description of that body.

The function of the deputy master in the present case was governed entirely by the special jurisdiction conferred by the 1989 Regulations. The court therefore had jurisdiction to supervise the exercise of those functions by way of judicial review.

Since the regulations provided a self-contained code, appropriate opportunities for the court to intervene were likely to be extremely rare. The regulations did not provide a remedy in the event of a taxing master refusing to certify a point of principle of general importance, and if such a refusal was capable of challenge on the ground of irrationality, the court should have power to intervene. It should only do so to the extent necessary to enable the matters to proceed properly under the regulations.

In the present case, the issue was whether or not matters raised a point of general importance so that refusal to certify was irrational. His Lordship identified two.

The first was the ambit of an appeal to a taxing master and the procedure to be adopted in dealing with it. The second was whether a determining officer, or a taxing master on appeal, was entitled to conclude that although each item claimed could to some extent be justified, none the less, the process of aggregation showed that the time claimed was unreasonable.

Mr Gordon had argued that the wording of regulations 14 to 16 meant that a taxing master on appeal should treat the matter before him as if it were a fresh taxation. The matter should be fully reheard.

Miss Montgomery submitted that the taxing master essentially determined whatever issue an appellant raised by way of an appeal and the ambit of the appeal would be entirely determined by the appellant's own arguments.

In his Lordship's judgment, the latter accorded more closely with the wording of the regulations and with common sense. Regulation 15(2) was an empowering section in the same way as section 15 of the Supreme Court Act 1981.

Just as regulation 14(6) required a determining officer to redetermine a case in the light of objections, so it appeared that regulations 15(5) and (11) taken together made it plain that a taxing master was to approach the appeal in the same way. On appeal the taxing master was required to deal fairly and in accordance with proper principles with the issues raised on appeal and no more.

The question did raise in one sense a point of general principle as to the ambit of an appeal, but the answer was clear.

The real question was whether or not the deputy master had dealt with the issues raised in accordance with proper principles. He had before him all the material before the determining officer, the officer's decision and the notice of appeal. That notice challenged the determining officer's right to stand back from individual items in the bill and determine that the aggregate from those individual items, although not capable of being impugned as separate items, none the less produced a result which established that the time claimed was unreasonable.

In his Lordship's judgment, that must be one of the necessary functions of the determining officer, once he had carried out what might be called the audit exercise in relation to individual items on the bill.

A determining officer and a taxing master on appeal should exercise great care that the sum payable on determination be kept within reasonable bounds, while accepting that particular clients might pose particular problems.

There was nothing to recommend an approach which merely required some justification of each item of the claim, followed by an aggregation, without a sensible assessment of the consequences of aggregation in the light of the overall complexities of the case and above all the experience of the determining officer and taxing master.

There was nothing in the authorities on the principles of taxation which precluded a determining officer or taxing master from assessing the reasonableness of individual items by looking at them in the context of the overall claim. In many cases it might be the only way in which to come to a judgment as to whether or not an individual claim was reasonable.

In the present case there was no evidence that the determining officer failed to consider each item claimed. He did what he was required to do and the deputy master was right to accept that was a proper approach to the taxation of the costs.

The deputy master himself had to make an assessment of whether or not the principle was appropriate to the case itself and an assessment of the extent to which a determination on that basis had produced a result which was unjust.

His Lordship did not consider that fairness required the deputy master to approach the matter inquisitorially, or to carry out any exercise other than that he did carry out; namely to listen to the appellant's arguments, consider the case in the light of those arguments and the material before him.

The reason for refusing to grant a certificate had not been well expressed. He declined it on the basis that there was no point of principle of general importance in one sense and there was.

Both the determining officer and the deputy master had approached the matter on a basis which raised a question of principle which could have justified a certificate.

The answer to the questions which raised the point of principle was, however, clear and the facts of the case justified the application of that principle.

It would be inappropriate to grant judicial review.

Solicitors: John Singh & Co; Treasury Solicitor.

Broad discretion to order offset for expenses

Gamerco SA v ICM/Fair Warning (Agency) Ltd and Another

Before Mr Justice Garland

[Judgment March 31]

Where a contract was discharged by frustration and a plaintiff was entitled to recover advance payment by virtue of section 1(2) of the Law Reform (Frustrated Contracts) Act 1943, the proviso to that section gave the court a broad discretion to make a deduction to offset a defendant's expenses incurred before the time of discharge, or for the purpose of the performance of the contract. The court was not obliged to incline towards either total retention by a defendant of sums paid nor equal division of losses.

Mr Justice Garland so stated in the Queen's Bench Division on a finding that a contract between the plaintiff, a Spanish pop concert promoter, and the second defendants, Missouri Storm Inc, the corporate persona of the group Guns 'n' Roses, to perform at Vincente Calderon Stadium in Madrid on July 4, 1992 was frustrated by the actions of the Madrid public authorities in prohibiting all public activity in the stadium when structural defects were discovered and revoking the authorisation for the concert to proceed.

The plaintiff was entitled to recover advance payment made of $412,500. The second defendant sought to offset expenses paid against that sum under the proviso to section 1(2) of the 1943 Act.

Mr Charles Flint for the plaintiff; Mr Timothy Sewell for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE GARLAND said that there had been no reported case on the operation of section 1(2) except obiter remarks in *BP Exploration Co (Libya) v Hunt (No 2)* ([1979] 1 WLR 783, 800).

The proviso had to be read with subsection (3) to (6). Subsection (4) was relevant in the present case.

The following had to be established in an approach to the proviso: that the defendants incurred expenses paid or payable: before the discharge of the contract; in performance of the contract (not applicable in the present case); or for the purpose of the performance of the contract; that it was just in all the circumstances to allow them to retain the whole or any part of the sums so paid or payable.

The onus lay on the defendant. It was in the broad sense his case to be made out: see *Lobb v Vasey Housing Auxiliary* ([1863] VR 239) under the corresponding Victorian Act in terms similar to the 1943 Act.

There were various views advanced as to how the court should exercise its discretion which could be categorised as follows:

1 Total retention

This view was advanced by the Law Revision Committee in 1939 (Cmnd 6009) on the questionable ground "that it is reasonable to assume that in stipulating for prepayment the payee intended to protect *himself from loss under the* contract".

His Lordship derived no assistance from the remarks of Mr Justice Goff in *BP Exploration Co (Libya)* that "the allowance or expenses is probably best rationalised as a statutory recognition of the defence of change of position". There was no question of any change of position as a result of the plaintiff's advance payment.

2 Equal division

There was some attraction in splitting the loss, but what if the losses were very unequal? Equal division was unnecessarily rigid and was rejected by the Law Revision Committee. His Lordship referred to the discussion by Treitel in *Frustration and Force Majeure* (1st edition (1994) paragraphs 15-059 to 060).

3 Broad discretion

It was self-evident that any rigid rule was liable to produce injustice. The words "if it considers it just to do so in all the circumstances of the case" clearly conferred a very broad discretion.

There was no indication in the Act, the authorities or the relevant literature that the court was obliged to incline either towards total retention or equal division. Its task was to do justice in a situation which the parties had neither contemplated nor provided for and to mitigate the harshness of allowing all loss to lie where it had fallen.

In the present case the task was not easy. His Lordship would have welcomed assistance on the true measure of the defendant's loss and the proper treatment of overhead and non-specific expenditure.

Because the defendants had plainly suffered some loss, his Lordship had made a robust assumption, a figure of $50,000. In all the circumstances, and having regard to the plaintiff's undisputed loss of $450,000, his Lordship considered justice was done by making no deduction under the proviso.

Solicitors: Russells; Williams Davies Meltzer.

Remanding a young person for protection of the public

Regina v Croydon Youth Court, Ex parte G (a Minor)

Before Lord Justice Leggatt and Mr Justice Buxton

[Judgment March 28]

When remanding a young person to a remand centre or prison, rather than local authority care, *under the provisions of section* 23(5) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969, as substituted by section 60(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, a court was required to be satisfied that he was liable to cause harm which could sensibly be called serious to the general public and not merely consider the risk of repetition of the offences involved.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in granting an application by G for judicial review of a decision of Croydon Youth Court to remand the applicant to a remand centre.

Section 23(5), as substituted, applies to a young person who is male and has attained the age of 15, but only if "(a) he is charged with or has been convicted of a violent or sexual offence, or an offence punishable in the case of an adult with imprisonment for a term of 14 years or more; . . . and . . . the court is of the opinion that only remanding him to a remand centre or prison would be adequate to protect the public from serious harm from him."

Mr Alan Masters for the applicant; Mr Jeffrey Pegden for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said that section 23 of the 1969 Act, as substituted, did not produce the result that where a young person was charged with or had been convicted of an offence punishable in the case of an adult with imprisonment for a term of 14 years or more the court could, after the requisite consultation, be of the opinion without more that remanding him to a remand centre would be adequate to protect the public from serious harm.

The offence of handling stolen goods was punishable by a 14-year prison sentence but the commission of the offence did not necessarily cause any direct harm, serious or otherwise, to the public.

Even a dwellinghouse burglary was not necessarily calculated to cause serious harm if, for example, the burglar was careful only to enter unoccupied houses in daylight and steal television sets.

A series of such offences, if apprehended, could not be aggregated so as to render serious such harm as might be caused by them.

In any particular case, it might be proper to infer from the record of the young person that the public was liable to incur serious harm at his hands having regard to the *nature of the offences with which* he had been charged or of which he had been convicted or the manner in which he had carried them out.

Although it would not be necessary to conclude that there was a risk of death or serious personal injury being caused, the court would have to be satisfied that the young person whom they were minded to remand was liable to cause harm that could sensibly be described as serious on account of the nature of the offence or offences that might be committed and not merely of the risk of repetition.

Mr Justice Buxton agreed.

Solicitors: Atkins Hope, Croydon; Crown Prosecution Service, Croydon.

Practical aim of summing-up

Regina v Ferrier
Regina v Barr

It did not follow that because a summing-up could be criticised on an academic point that there were therefore good grounds for thinking that the result of the summing-up had led to an unsafe or unsatisfactory verdict.

Lord Justice Beldam, sitting in the Court of Appeal with Mr Justice McKinnon and Mr Justice Judge, so stated on April 28 after the court had dismissed appeals by Ronald Richard Ferrier and Terence Thomas Barr against their convictions in December 1994 at Snaresbrook Crown Court (Mr *Record Leech and a jury*) of burglary for which each was sentenced to 12 months.

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that there was an increasing tendency for counsel to pick on a number of academic points in the summing-up as grounds of appeal which, if taken in isolation, might be fascinating for an academic seminar. It was understandable that counsel, anxious to do their utmost for their clients, would tend to look at every aspect of the summing-up and to emphasise, or even over-emphasise, aspects of it, but the object of the summing-up was essentially practical.

Patient not entitled to friend

Whitehead v Avon County Council

A highly nervous plaintiff claiming damages for personal injuries who was requested to submit herself for a psychiatric examination was not entitled to attend the examination accompanied by a friend or relation.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Otton) so held on April 26 dismissing an appeal by Mrs Cynthia Whitehead from the decision of Judge Wigmore at Bath County Court in October 1993 that her action against Avon County Council be stayed until she underwent a psychiatric examination by a consultant psychiatrist, Dr Sternberg.

LORD JUSTICE OTTON said that Dr Sternberg had not agreed to Mrs Whitehead's request to be examined with another person present, stating that it would detract from the quality of the examination and that "it is not my practice to work in this way".

The judge had referred to the relevant authorities: *Starr v National Coal Board* ([1977] 1 WLR 63) and *Hall v Avon Area Health Authority (Teaching)* ([1980] 1 WLR 481) and had concluded that although *it might well be considered* reasonable for Mrs Whitehead, clearly a nervous plaintiff, to ask to be allowed to take a companion, it was not reasonable for her to object to seeing Dr Sternberg *without a friend being present throughout the examination.*

It was impossible to say that the judge had been at fault or had exercised his discretion wrongly in reaching that decision.

Correction

In *Standard Bank London Ltd v Bank of Tokyo Ltd; Sudwestdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale v Same (The Times* April 15) Mr David Hunt, QC and Mr Mark Howard, instructed by Norton Rose, appeared for Sudwestdeutsche Landesbank and Mr Christopher Carr, QC and Mr Jeffrey Gruder, instructed by Mishcon de Reya, appeared for Standard Bank.

European Law Report — Luxembourg

Place of performance of contract

***Lloyd's Register of Shipping* v Société Campenon Bernard**

Case C-439/93

Before G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, President and Judges F. A. Schockweiler, P. J. G. Kapteyn, C. Gulmann, C. N. Kakouris, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, J. L. Murray, D. A. O. Edward and J.-P. Puissochet

Advocate General M. Elmer

(Opinion February 21)

[Judgment April 6]

For the purposes of the jurisdictional provision in article 5(5) of the Brussels Convention, referring to a "dispute arising out of the operations of a branch, agency or other establishment," undertakings entered into by a branch in the name of its parent body did not have to be performed in the contracting state in which the branch was established.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held on giving a preliminary ruling on a reference by the Cour de Cassation under the Protocol of June 3, 1971 on the interpretation by the European Court of the Brussels Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters 1968 (Schedule 1 to the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982: OJ 1978 L304 p36).

The plaintiff, Campenon Bernard, a French company, placed an order with the defendant, the French branch of Lloyd's Register of Shipping, an English registered charity established in London, for *the testing of concrete reinforcing* steel to be used in the construction of a motorway in Kuwait, with the object of complying with a technical standard required by the Kuwait Ministry of Public Works.

It was agreed that the inspection would be carried out in Spain by the Spanish branch of the defendant. The Spanish branch issued certificates of compliance, but the Kuwait Ministry of Public Works refused to accept the steel, on the ground that it did not comply with the technical standard.

In proceedings for damages brought by the plaintiff in France, the defendant pleaded that the French courts lacked jurisdiction, on the ground that a dispute only arose out of the operations of a branch, agency or other establishment, within article 5(5) of the Convention, in so far as the undertakings entered into by that place of business were to be performed in the contracting state where it was established.

Article 5 provided: "A person domiciled in a contracting state may, in another contracting state, be sued:

"(1) in matters relating to a contract, in the courts for the place of performance of the obligation in question; . . .

"(5) as regards a dispute arising out of the operations of a branch, agency or other establishment, in the courts for the place in which the branch, agency or other establishment is situated."

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held:

The defendant's argument could not be accepted, for three reasons:

1 The actual wording of article 5(5) in no way required that the undertakings negotiated by a branch should be performed in the contracting state in which it was established in order for them to form part of its operations.

2 The defendant's interpretation would render article 5(5) almost wholly redundant, given that article 5(1) already allowed the plaintiff to bring an action in contract in the courts for the place of performance of the obligation in question.

3 An ancillary establishment was a place of business which had the appearance of permanency such as the extension of a parent body, had a management, and was equipped to negotiate business with third parties, so that the latter, although *knowing that there would if necessary* be a legal link with the parent body, whose seat was in another contracting state, did not have to deal directly with such parent body: see (Case 33/78) *Somafer v Saar Ferngas* ([1978] ECR 2183, paragraph 12).

A branch, agency or other ancillary establishment within article 5(5) was therefore an entity capable of being the principal, or even exclusive, interlocutor for third parties in the negotiation of contracts.

There did not necessarily have to be a close link between the entity with which a customer conducted negotiations and placed an order, and the place where the order would be performed.

Accordingly, undertakings could form part of the operations of an ancillary establishment within article 5(5) even though they were to be performed outside the contracting state where it was situated, possibly by another ancillary establishment.

On those grounds the Court of Justice ruled that the expression *"dispute arising out of the operations of a branch, agency or other establishment"* in article 5(5) did not presuppose that the undertakings in question entered into by the branch in the name of its parent body were to be performed in the contracting state in which the branch was established.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Christopher A W Phillips deceased
Would the next of kin of Christopher Alexander Wallace Phillips late of 12 Oakleigh Avenue, Southchurch Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex who died on 19 April 1993 (or any person with knowledge of their whereabouts) please contact Wedlake Saint, Solicitors, 14 John Street, London WC1N 2EB. Tel 0171-405 9446. Ref BH.

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Charity - Adrian Swire Charitable Trust
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be seen for the next month at 1 Bell Yard, London WC2A 2JP or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference number MOT/800493A/1/CD/Ldn1).

Henry Simon, deceased, formerly of Sonning Common Oxon. Would any relatives of the above please make contact with his son Edward Simon, at PO Box 20, Mendocino, California 95460, USA or by phone/fax (707) 937 1527

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified: after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

CHAPPELL, CYRIL ANDREW CHAPPELL, late of Sheffield, South Yorkshire died there on or about 17 August 1994 (Estate about £75,000)

BULL otherwise FERGUSON, FREDERICK JOHN BULL otherwise FREDERICK JOHN FERGUSON late of Hove, East Sussex died there on 15 July 1995 (Estate about £7,000)

HAINES, MABEL ANNIE HAINES Spinster late of Thatcham, Berkshire died at Reading, Berkshire on 6 March 1995 (Estate about £12,000)

HOULDEN nee FOOTE, FLORENCE HOULDEN nee FOOTE Widow late of Downham Market, Norfolk died there on 29 January 1992 (Estate about £13,700)

HYNES, MARY TERESA HYNES otherwise MARY THERESA HYNES Spinster late of Fulham, London W6 died there on 28 November 1994 (Estate about £36,000)

MABON, CECIL MABON late of Notting Hill, London W11 died at Ladbroke Grove, London W10 on 26 November 1993 (Estate about £5,000)

MAZIC nee THOMAS, KITTY MAUDE MAZIC nee THOMAS Widow late of Attica, Greece died there on 17 May 1992 (Estate about £200,000)

MEDICKS, GLORIA DIANE MEDICKS Spinster late of Littlehampton, West Sussex died there on 20 June 1994 (Estate about £50,000)

MOREY, FRANCIS JOHN MOREY late of Kenton, Middlesex died at Harrow, Middlesex on 28 March 1994 (Estate about £80,000)

MURA, VILMOS MURA otherwise WILLIAM MURA late of Finchley, London N3 died there on 17 February 1991 (Estate about £7,000)

OLDRIDGE, GRETHE KATHE OLDRIDGE nee IVERSEN Widow late of Leeds, West Yorkshire died there on 24 July 1994 (Estate about £20,000)

PAYNE, WILLIAM PAYNE late of Plymouth, Devon died there on 1 January 1995 (Estate about £30,000)

WATKISS nee WILLIAMS, ETHEL MAY WATKISS nee WILLIAMS Widow late of Telford, Shropshire died there on 31 December 1990 (Estate about £6,500)

The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

Whittaker, William Gordon, 14 Cobden Street, Warrington, Cheshire died on 15 June 1994, particulars of any creditors to Messrs Robert Davies & Co, solicitors P O Box 1, 21 Bold Street, Warrington, Cheshire WA1 1DF Ref: EJS before 17 July 1995

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TOWNSEND UPHOLSTERY COMPANY LIMITED 308714
(ALL IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE COMPANIES
On 28th April 1995 the above companies were placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Michael David Gercke of Price Waterhouse was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The liquidator gives notice under the provisions of Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the companies must send details, in writing, of any claim against the companies to the liquidator at 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 1RX by 1 June 1995 which is the last day to proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The companies are able to pay all known creditors in full.
Date: 1 May 1995
M D Gercke
Liquidator

AMPHENOL BORG LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Companies Act 1985 Section 175 that on 28 April 1995 the above named company ("the Company") passed a special resolution by way of a written resolution pursuant to Section 381A of the Companies Act 1985. The special resolution was passed:
1. approving a form of contract providing for the purchase by the Company of 2,080,000 of its Ordinary Shares of £1 each for the aggregate sum of £2,080,000; and
2. authorising the payment of £2,080,000 of the said sum out of capital
The statutory declaration of the Company and the auditors' report required by the Companies Act 1985 Section 173 (5) are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at Thanet Way, Whitstable, Kent CT5 3JF.
Any creditor of the Company may at any time within the 5 weeks immediately following 28 April 1995 apply to the court under the Companies Act 1985 Section 176 for an order cancelling the resolution or for other relief.
ABOGADO NOMINEES LIMITED
Company Secretary

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
CROWN VISUAL SERVICES LIMITED
Registered number: 1085366
Former company name(s): None
Trading name(s): Crown Visual Services Limited
Nature of business: Printing
Trade classification: 10
Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 26 April 1995
Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): Barclays Bank plc
G S Kinlan and P R Copp
Joint Administrative Receivers
(office holder no(s) 8268/01 and 1788/01
Address: BDO Stoy Hayward
8 Baker Street
London
W1M 1DA

NO 006185 OF 1988
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
THE INSOLVENCY ACT AND RULES 1986
Rule 11.2
INVESTMENT AND PENSIONS ADVISORY SERVICE (IPAS)
THE PARTNERSHIP
NOTICE OF INTENDED DIVIDEND
I hereby give notice that a first and final dividend is intended to be declared in the above matter. Those creditors who have NOT assigned their rights to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry must notify me of their claim in writing by 19 May 1995, otherwise they will be excluded from this distribution and there will not be any further distributions.
Dated: 28 April 1995
G A Auger
Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

To the shareholders of

GN Great Nordic Ltd.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held on Tuesday May 16, 1995 at 3.30 pm at Industriens Hus, H.C. Andersens Boulevard 18, DK-1596 Copenhagen V.

The Agenda is as follows:

a) report on the Company's activities
b) presentation of the annual financial statements for approval; discharging the Board of Directors and the Executive Management from their obligations
c) resolution for the distribution of the net profit for the year, including the declaration of a dividend on Company shares
d) proposals for changes to subarticle 3 of Article 2, subarticle 1 of Article 10, subarticle 2 of Article 13, subarticle 1 of Article 15 and Article 31 of the Company's Articles of Association
e) Board resolution to transfer DKK 269,263,000 from the Company's share premium fund to free reserves (other reserves)
f) resolution that the Board be entitled to acquire up to 10 per cent of own shares
g) election of Board members
h) appointment of two auditors for the current financial year.

For the resolutions set out under items d and e of the agenda to be passed, Article 18 of the Articles of Association requires that at least one quarter of the Company's share capital is represented at the Annual General Meeting and that the resolutions be approved by not less than two thirds of the votes cast and two thirds of the voting share capital represented at the Annual General Meeting. In the event that the required percentage of the share capital is not represented, but where the resolution has been approved by the above-mentioned qualified majority of votes, the resolution may, however, be passed at a new general meeting convened for this express purpose by the said qualified majority, irrespective of the percentage of the voting share capital represented at the General Meeting.

From Monday May 8, 1995 the agenda and the full and complete resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting, as well as the financial statements, the Auditors' Report and the Report of Directors, will be available for shareholders' inspection at the Company's registered office on the third floor of Kongens Nytorv 26, 1016 Copenhagen K, and at the Company's bankers in London and Paris. Not later than eight days prior to the Annual General Meeting, the above material will also be posted to the registered address of every shareholder on the Company register.

Admission cards to the Annual General Meeting will be available on request from the Company's office from Monday to Friday between 10 am and 4 pm, up to five days prior to the Annual General Meeting, to any shareholder who can prove a good title to his shares. As far as bearer shares are concerned, the shareholder shall prove his title to such shares by presenting a statement issued by the bank in which his shares are held, of his holding of Company shares as of May 4, 1995.

Any right to vote shall be conditional upon the voting share being registered in the name of the shareholder and upon the shareholder being entitled to the meeting pursuant to the above-mentioned provisions. Where the shareholder has acquired the share by way of transfer, the share shall furthermore have been registered in the name of the shareholder for not less than three months prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

Copenhagen, May 1, 1995

The Board of Directors

TRUSTEE ACTS

MOLLAND, MARJORIE BETTY, 133 INDERWICK ROAD HORNSEY LONDON N8. DIED 22ND SEPTEMBER 1994: PARTICULARS TO PIPER SMITH & BASHAM, SOLICITORS (Ref M280.1.MB.SM) 31 WARWICK SQUARE LONDON SW1V 2AF BEFORE 4TH JULY 1995

NOTICE OF INTENDED DIVIDEND
RUMNEY ENGINEERING LIMITED
(In Receivership)(In Liquidation)
Notice is hereby given, that I intend to declare a dividend to unsecured creditors herein, within a period of four months from the last date of proving. Last day for receiving proofs 31 May 1995. Ian Clark, Clark & Co P.O. Box 30, 8 Hall Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire. Dated 27 April 1995. Ian Clark, Liquidator.

DEMBRON LIMITED Registered Number: 2767821. Trading Name: DEMBRON LIMITED. Nature of Business: GENERAL MERCHANTS. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receiver: 26TH APRIL 1995. Name of person appointing Administrative Receiver: REEDHAM FACTORS LIMITED. Administrative Receiver: DAVID EMANUEL MERTON MOND. (Office Holder Number: 0/002340/01) of Hodgsons, Chartered Accountants, George House, 48 George Street, Manchester, M1 4HF.

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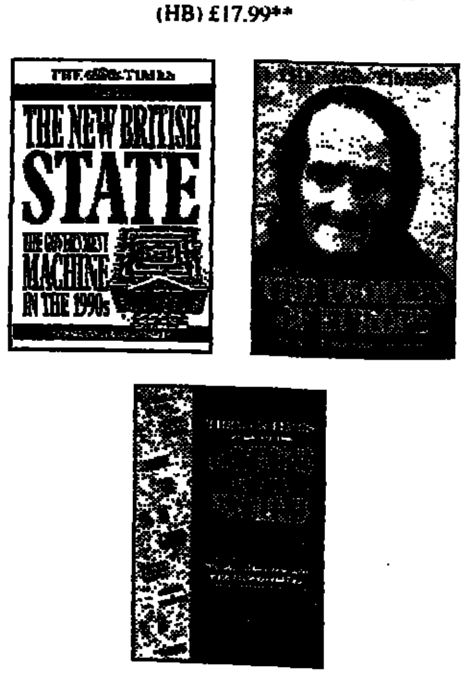

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Now that children have computers as well as television to distract them, what social activities do they miss out on?

Home alone with only a screen

BRENDA MADDOX

For 21 years the BBC has put out a programme during school holidays with the nannying invitation *Why Don't You Switch Off Your Television Set And Do Something Less Boring Instead?* But what if, when they do switch off, children simply switch on the computer instead?

A distinguished panel of broadcasting's great and good is forming to repeat for the 1990s the late Professor Hilde Himmelweit's classic study *Television and the Child*, published in 1958.

On Monday, a group of potential backers met at the Broadcasting Standards Council to plan what they call the new Himmelweit. Although a formal announcement will not be made for some weeks, those likely to be involved include the BBC, the Independent Television Commission, the London School of Economics (where Himmelweit, a social psychologist, did her work) and Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television, thanks to the special interest in children's television taken by its chairman, Ward Thomas, a late new father.

The Standards Council will also participate, but in a limited way, as its remit confines it to broadcasting only. Seed money has already come from Brussels: the European Parliament has expressed an interest, and so have the Australians and the Japanese. The phenomenon of children's absorption with the screen is global. So too are the programmes and games they watch and play.

The aim of the study, which could cost about £500,000 over three years, will most definitely not be to try to crack the old chestnut, what effect does television have on children? Instead, like Himmelweit, it will concentrate on the use children make of television and what activities they give up in order to watch it.

Himmelweit, studying the first generation of children to grow up with television, found that what television "displaced" was "non-purposive activity" — listening to the radio, going to the cinema, reading comics, simple hanging about. She also found that children watched a good deal of what their parents watched.

Today even Mrs Mary Whitehouse recognises that children have television sets in their bedrooms, beyond parental control. She may be less aware, however, of the many who have two screens in their rooms, and who swivel with no loss of concentration between the computer and the TV.

But deprived of television, it is unlikely that children would, as they did in one sardonic episode of *The Simpsons*, return to the bucolic pastimes of happier days: skipping with a rope, walking on fences, playing ball with the kids in the neighbourhood. A survey by the London research organisation Handel Communications reports that today's children are too frightened to go out. Television is their security blanket against the terrorism, war, kidnapping and bullying which they believe lie just outside the front door. Television has made them better-informed — up to a point. They worry about Bosnia without realising that it is far away.

It will take research of some magnitude, however, to encompass all the changes in the family and society which now influence children's dependence on the screen. The Handel research found that *Home Alone* was no fantasy: an entire day may go by without a child even seeing his or her mother. This reminded me of a friend who teaches in a London comprehensive who told me about a time she gave the traditional advice, "Ask your mother to help you", and wanted to bite her tongue off when she saw the look on the teenager's face. Clearly mum was not available.

HOW FITTING. The man who lost his franchise in 1991 because he refused to overbid returns to the British television scene in the same week that the folly of channel auctioning has been exposed once again. Bruce Gyngell, once of TV-am, will come back from Australia as managing director of Yorkshire Tyne Tees Television, whose dominant partner, Yorkshire, is generally acknowledged to have paid too much to retain its own franchise. The now merged Yorkshire and Tyne Tees are paying nearly £1 million a week to the Treasury in auction fees.

It was Mr Gyngell who received a personal letter of regret from Mrs Thatcher who said that his loss of franchise was not what she meant at all when she put the ITV franchises on the block, to be sold to the highest bidder. Gyngell lost out because he refused to commit his company to more than £15 million. His rivals, bidding £35 million, won.

The vast disparity in the bids for Channel 5 — from £2 million to £36 million a year — handed into the Independent Television Commission yesterday shows that there is no market price for an unknown quantity. Once again the ITC has been drawn into a City game for which it is unqualified. Bad enough that, as a regulator of public service broadcasting, it should have to weigh the unweighable — promises of programme quality and originality. But the ITC must at the same time somehow assess "the quality of the money" — that is, assure the public that the highest bidder who passes the programme quality threshold also has a sound financial plan.

The four bids submitted yesterday will keep analysts guessing even after the winner is announced. Did Michael Grade's blast last week against Rupert Murdoch, whose News International owns *The Times* and 40 per cent of the satellite company, BSkyB, shrivel the size of the bid that BSkyB, Granada et al. submitted down to an apparently derisory £2 million?

Will the whole drama wind up in judicial review?

The real value of science on the BBC

Documentaries have a vital role to play, says

James Lovelock

WHEN organizations like the BBC are taken over by their accountants, they become like gardens managed by weeding only. At first it all looks neat and tidy but soon there is nothing but bare earth. Accountability is needed but so is innovation, the planting of seeds, and the renewal of hardy animals.

As a scientist and environmentalist I want the BBC to continue presenting science in a palatable and comprehensible way. For this we need good documentaries and drama that includes science and scientists. The stunning new series *The Seven Wonders of the World* is an example: a joy to look at and to take part in. Programmes like this could wither under the weedkiller if the cuts announced this week go through.

Whenever an environmental misery occurs, such as Chernobyl or the death of the last blue butterfly, the news is dominated by the strident and partial voices of the green, farming, industrial and political lobbies. The truth suffers.

Consider global warming. The scientists concerned are 95 per cent sure that it is a real phenomenon and one that will grow in intensity. The public are confused by arguments betwen conflicting interests. To add to the confusion, four years ago nature intervened and the volcano Pinatubo threw up a sunshade of stratospheric haze. This brief respite persuaded the inhabitants of America, where even last year's book is out of date, that global warming does not exist.

Now the haze has almost vanished. The unpleasant consequences of warming may again usurp the news and the political agenda. When this happens we will need the BBC's science programmes if we are to cope with the changes.

NO SCIENTIST anywhere can give a complete answer to a global problem. There are at least 30 kinds of biologist, each with a mutually incomprehensible biobabble. Scientists get to know about science outside their own expertise though newspaper articles, the *New Scientist* and especially the documentaries of the BBC. These alone are surely worth more than £20 million of cuts.

Science, like the arts and news, evolves. The past matters but mere regurgitation is no diet at all. We need the freshness of our radio and television. Let's keep the BBC as it is — it's worth far more than a tidy balance sheet.

James Lovelock is the author of the Gaia *science books.*

Which way will we really vote? Marketing experts, politicians and editors all want to know the answer

How former Tory stalwarts imagine the parties: left, Labour's brass-band, Lowry look is giving way to flowers and children singing; right, the Elgar-and-cricket Tories are merging into grey skies — and reptiles

Brass bands versus Elgar

Alan Mitchell on a new marketing approach to politics

Businesses spent an estimated £400 million on market research last year, in their attempts to understand consumer desires. The colour of a soap-powder packet, for example, can have dramatic effects on consumer buying patterns. One company learnt that what it thought was the bright and cheery golds and reds of its packaging had become associated with smoky downmarket pubs and was lowering sales accordingly.

When people are asked direct questions, they often give dishonest answers. So all sorts of seemingly bizarre techniques are used these days to tease out what people really think. For example, market researchers ask members of the public to project their feelings onto other people or other situations; or they may tap into people's sense of sight, sound, smell and touch. By moving beyond the sphere of rational explanation, the researchers believe they can get a greater insight into what people really think of a brand.

One such piece of research last week into the attitudes of wavering Tories suggests that Britain is on the brink of a political sea change. Yet, tantalisingly, it also suggests that Tory supporters have not yet gone over the edge; although they are on the verge of switching, there is still hesitancy.

The research, by the advertising agency Barker & Ralston, used in-depth interviews to ask 20 once-stalwart Conservative voters in the Tory stronghold of Chorleywood in Hertfordshire to reveal what sensory images the rival political parties create.

The sounds of Conservatism include classical music, "posh" voices, Elgar, leather on willow, and church bells (respondents' own words). The smells encompass polish, the inside of old churches, gin and tonic, red wine, sauce and tanned leather. The sights: country estates, City businessmen, public schools, London mews and country homes.

In stark contrast, when Tory supporters listen to Labour they hear *The Internationale*, northern accents, brass bands and heckling. They see Lowry paintings, drab women not wearing make-up and rowdy bunches of young men. They smell perspiration, stale beer, smoky pubs, cheap perfume and factory oil. Everything they love and aspire to is in the first group; everything they hate and fear is in the second.

But new images are starting to disrupt this traditional, cosy split between the desirable and the undesirable. Tory voters are glimpsing something attractive in Labour and to sense things deeply unattractive about their own party. They are hearing a new and disturbing dimension to Conservatism: harsh voices, booing and jeering, whimpering and crying. They see "men entertaining themselves with poll-tax money", a puppet show, a rudderless boat, a grey day, a dark room with closed doors, a crack in the ozone layer.

Next to the expected feelings of luxury and tweed, they are also touching something slippery, something limp, a reptile, and over-ripe fruit. They are sensing rotten cabbage, bad eggs, over-cooked vegetables.

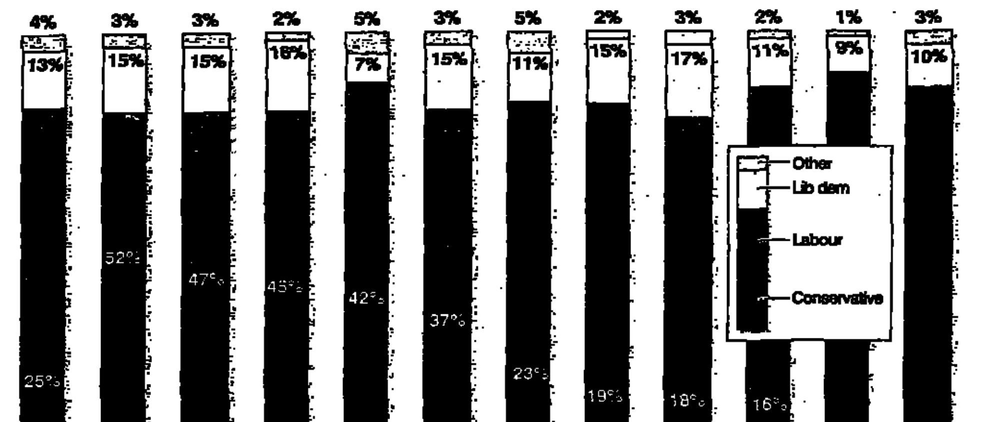
Labour is starting to smell of roses, as well as fresh orange, freshly baked bread, honeysuckle, lemon and home cooking. These Tories, who have never even considered voting Labour, when they think of Tony Blair's party, are imagining spring flowers growing, sunny days and children singing.

Phil Strongman, the researcher who conducted the interviews, says that for the first time in their lives, loyal Conservatives are prepared to listen to what Labour is saying. "They have opened Labour's book," he says, "and they are beginning to read it."

Derek Ralston, the agency's managing director, is cautious: the overwhelming yearning, he says, is still for those good, old Tory values. And suspicion of Labour still runs high. The Tories may be a "Duracell battery rabbit that's getting slower and slower" (as one participant put it), but voting Labour would still be "like medicine. You have to take it against your will."

Tory voters' relationship with their party is, Mr Ralston suggests, now like that of a desperate parent and a disgraceful teenage child. "They are on the verge of kicking him out," he explains, "but they desperately do not want to. There is still an opportunity for him to apologise. But if he carries on as he has been, they are prepared to do it."

WHICH WAY WOULD READERS VOTE?



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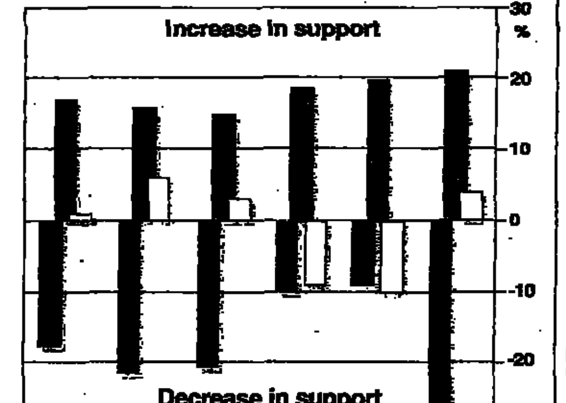
CHANGE SINCE 1992

Change of votes between 1992 election and average for 1994



Readers take a step to the left

Robert Worcester and **Peter Riddell** analyse the drop in Tory support among most newspaper readerships

John Major has good reason to be worried by the press. A new analysis by MORI shows that the largest drop in Tory support since the general election has occurred among readers of papers which are traditional allies of the party. Whatever their editorial views, no longer can they be regarded as the Tory press in terms of their readers' preferences. And Tony Blair has won the strong allegiance of readers of several papers.

The accompanying table (above, right) shows the change in support for each party among regular readers of the broadsheet dailies between the 1992 election and the average for 1994. Based on more than 50,000 interviews nationwide carried out for *The Times*, this provides a sufficiently large sample to represent some of the smaller circulation papers. The results are startling and consistent. The biggest drops in Tory support have been in right-of-centre papers such as the *Daily Telegraph*, *Financial Times* and *The Times*. It has been the same story with the tabloids with above average declines in Tory support among readers of the *The Sun*, the *Daily Mail* and the *Daily Express*.

Some of these papers have also been highly critical of the Government's record, particularly over Europe during the Maastricht saga two years ago. But the drop in Tory support was only slightly larger among readers of papers with more critical editorial lines such as the *Daily Mail* than among those of more loyal ones like the *Daily Express*.

There are big variations in the pattern of readerships among the broadsheets. The largest swing against the Tories, and in favour of Labour, has occurred among readers of *The Times*. According to the latest figures, for the first quarter of this year, 45 per cent of regular readers of *The Times* say they support Labour (against 15 per cent at the last election). This compares with 30 per cent backing Labour among regular readers of the *Daily Telegraph* (11 per cent in 1992). Backing for the Tories among readers of *The Times* has dropped from 64 to 37 per cent since 1992, and from 72 to 52 per cent for the *Daily Telegraph*.

The figures for *The Times* reflect a mixture of the changing views of regular readers and the impact of the big rise in circulation over the past 18 months since the price-cutting strategy was introduced. The MORI figures show that 80 per cent of readers of *The Times* are from the middle class (who now comprise 43 per cent of the public) while 32 per cent are aged under 35.

By contrast, traditional centre-left papers, such as *The Guardian* and the *Daily Mirror*, have seen a smaller decline in Tory support among readers, though admittedly from a much lower base.

The one exception is *Today*, where Tory support has dropped from 43 to 19 per cent among readers and backing for Labour has jumped from 31 to 64 per cent. Since the last election the paper's editorial direction has shifted towards Labour, and this has been reflected in the balance of its readership.

It is striking how readers of *The Guardian* have become much more supportive of Labour than the Liberal Democrats since the last general election. The figures for the first quarter show that 81 per cent of *Guardian* readers say they support Labour, against 55 per cent in 1992, while only 10 per cent back the Liberal Democrats, down from 25 per cent in 1992. This is well below the national average.

Readers of the *Independent* have also shifted towards Labour from both of the other main parties, particularly since the election of Tony Blair as party leader last July. Support for Labour has risen from 37 to 62 per cent. Although backing for the Liberal Democrats has dropped from 35 to 17 per cent over the period among its readers, this is still higher than the national average.

Robert Worcester is the founder and chairman of MORI and Peter Riddell is political columnist of The Times.

THE TIMES

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You could for example, visit .. Forde Abbey, near Chard in Dorset, pictured above. The abbey was founded in 1140 as a monastery and converted to a house in the 17th century.

Details of the offer appeared in Weekend last Saturday with an application form. Further details will appear on Saturday.

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NEWS

Serb attack raises fear of all-out war

■ At least four people were killed and 120 wounded when Serb shells brought the threat of war back to the heart of Zagreb yesterday. The barrage came as Croatian tanks recaptured a strategically important town deep in Serb-held territory.

Air raid sirens sounded anew over Zagreb yesterday evening, prompting fears of further Serb reprisals and world leaders expressed alarm at the prospect of a full-scale Balkan war after the Croatian Government offensive ....**Pages 1, 14**

Government U-turn over mortgage tax

■ More than two million homeowners were reprieved after the Government was forced into a climbdown over its policy to tax mortgage protection insurance. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that he would bring in new laws to exempt the policies from taxation ....**Page 1**

Church assets halved

The Church of England's assets of £2.4 billion are to be halved to pay the burgeoning clergy pensions bill, church sources disclosed last night.................**Page 1**

Channel 5 surprise

The battle for the control of Channel 5, Britain's next commercial terrestrial television station, took an unexpected twist when a little-known group put in the highest bid ....**Pages 1, 6**

Gem discovery

The largest gem sapphire ever found in the British Isles, a 9.6 carat green-blue stone, has been discovered on a remote roadside on the Island of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides ....**Page 1**

Burglary sweep

Police forces across southern England and Wales have begun their biggest offensive against burglars in an operation involving 5,000 officers who made more than 900 arrests ....**Page 2**

'Dotty' was guilty

Secret documents show that "Dotty Dorothy" O'Grady was not the innocent Isle of Wight landlady that she claimed but a dangerous Nazi agent ......**Page 3**

Poisoned fruit

Some popular fruits and vegetables, including up to a quarter of lettuces, are contaminated with hazardous chemicals that breach government safety limits. **Page 4**

Up to scratch

A new scratch card game with a top prize of £75,000 goes on sale today, the day after Camelot launched a second instant-win game as an apparent spoiler to the new scheme................**Page 7**

Charity demand

Charities want compensation from the Government for the estimated £57 million they claim they will lose as a result of the National Lottery......................**Page 7**

Paper war goes on

Government efforts to justify using £12.25 million of National Lottery funds to purchase Sir Winston Churchill's papers for the nation have failed to convince former servicemen ....**Page 11**

No Cuban refuge

Britain has announced that any Cuban boat people arriving in the Cayman Islands would be forcibly returned to Cuba unless they could prove they were political refugees ....**Page 12**

Oklahoma arrests

FBI agents raided a Missouri motel at dawn and arrested two men in what appeared to be a breakthrough in the hunt for the Oklahoma City bombers........ **Page 13**

Kaunda claim

Kenneth Kaunda, the former Zambian President, predicted "an explosion" there and called for early polls so he can run again for the leadership................. **Page 15**

Couple caught out at crime conference

■ Television cameras caught out a pair of delegates attending a United Nations conference on crime prevention in Cairo. The pair were shown on giant consoles discreetly exchanging caresses. For other delegates, the problem has been more serious: a rash of petty thefts, with sneak thieves striking behind the backs of experts on crime ....**Page 14**

ADRIAN BROOKS

Lord Young left, who was appointed chairman of the London Philharmonic Trust, joins Sir Georg Solti at rehearsals yesterday

BUSINESS

Merchant banks: S G Warburg revealed that it had received an approach from Swiss Bank Corporation. Last year Warburg was targeted by the American giant, Morgan Stanley.................**Page 25**

Nuclear: Executives of Scottish Nuclear were in London in a last-ditch effort to prevent the company from being privatised along with Nuclear Electric.................**Page 25**

Economy: The Halifax Building Society reported that average house prices fell in April by 0.3 per cent to £62,300 ....**Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 27.8 points to close at 3248.2. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 85.1 to 84.4 after a fall from $1.6157 to $1.6125 and from DM2.2478 to DM2.2164 ....**Page 28**

SPORT

Cricket: Michael Atherton, the England captain, scored 114 for Lancashire, who beat Warwickshire by 40 runs in the Benson and Hedges Cup..................... **Page 48**

Rugby Union: Tim Horan, who is recovering from a knee injury, was included in Australia's World Cup squad. Half of the squad played in the 1991 cup...................... **Page 44**

Commonwealth Games: England seem certain to host the event for the first time since 1934 after Manchester was the only city to bid for the 2002 Games.......... **Page 48**

Rugby League: The Rugby Football League has ruled out a bid by Widnes to gain reinstatement to the Super League. It was cast out when the number of clubs was reduced from 14 to 12 .... **Page 44**

ARTS

Summer's finest: Critics in *The Times* choose the best films, theatre, music, opera, exhibitions and dance over the coming summer months...............................**Page 33**

Force of fine voices: At the Coliseum, English National Opera's revival of Verdi's *Force of Destiny* is notable for much spirited singing...............................**Page 32**

Prophets of gloom: "Cheer up, mate — your ticket might be invalid," said the security man as the crowds filed through to see the notoriously gloomy rock band, Tindersticks.......................**Page 32**

Master of movement: The quirky and popular French-Albanian choreographer Angelin Preljocaj is back in town for a Sadler's Wells season ....**Page 34**

FEATURES

Tug of love: The case of Richard, who has been taken from his adoptive parents aged four and handed back to his natural parents, illustrates the stark legal brutality of adoption laws.................... **Page 17**

FASHION

Simply divine: Cashmere, feathers and a sleeveless shift will enable you to float from Ascot through to Henley in style..................**Page 16**

MEDIA

By the left: Readers of the quality dailies are taking a step to the left. Robert Worcester and Peter Riddell analyse the trend ....**Page 23**

Small screen: What use do children make of television and what do they give up in order to make time to watch, Brenda Maddox examinines the issues................**Page 23**

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ **WILD EAST**
Geoff Brown on Tim Roth (far left) in *Little Odessa*, a gangster film with a twist

■ **BODY AND MIND**
The results of the most intensive study ever of the stress of war

THE PAPERS

President Clinton finally moved to punish Iran for supporting terrorism by introducing a US trade embargo. Only deeds, not words, will stop the mullahs' pursuit of terrorism

— *USA Today*

As Americans and Europeans commemorate the end of the European war, they must pause to recall the Holocaust. Those who lived to tell of the camps have a message the world must hear and honour

— *The New York Times*

TV LISTINGS

Preview: Paul Esslemont was found guilty of battering a three-year-old boy to death. *Rough Justice* (BBC1, 10.20pm) disputes the verdict. **Review:** Lynne Truss watches the *Omnibus* profile of Dave Stewart and smells a promo ....**Page 47**

OPINION

Teach them a lesson

Sacking an incompetent teacher requires an effort of will that is sadly lacking in most schools ..... **Page 19**

Salute to a colleague

Today is World Press Freedom Day, and nowhere is the price of defending press freedom higher than in Algeria ....**Page 19**

Stone in a blue moon

The discovery of Britain's largest sapphire by an amateur geologist on the Isle of Lewis is a matter for surprise and modest patriotic pride ....**Page 19**

COLUMNS

SIMON JENKINS

This week the four-month-old ceasefire in Bosnia ended with a widely forecast bang. For good measure, the three-year-old one in Croatia ended too. Both events have stripped any credibility from the UN's reckless intervention in the former Yugoslavia....... **Page 18**

ALAN COREN

Where is the proposal to build Blandings Castle and fill it to its crenellated brim with aunts and pigs, or for a giant Dong to be placed atop Canary Wharf where its luminous nose would be a light for all mankind, or the plan to erect a huge Fez of Discovery on the South Bank........................ **Page 18**

PETER RIDDELL

Don't forget the Liberal Democrats. Paddy Ashdown and his party have been squeezed out of national attention by Tony Blair since last summer. But the Liberal Democrats stand to achieve big gains in tomorrow's local elections............................ **Page 18**

OBITUARIES

His Honour Judge Felix Waley, Judge Advocate of the Fleet; **Walter Tracy**, typographer; **Angier Biddle Duke**, American diplomat and tobacco heir .... **Page 21**

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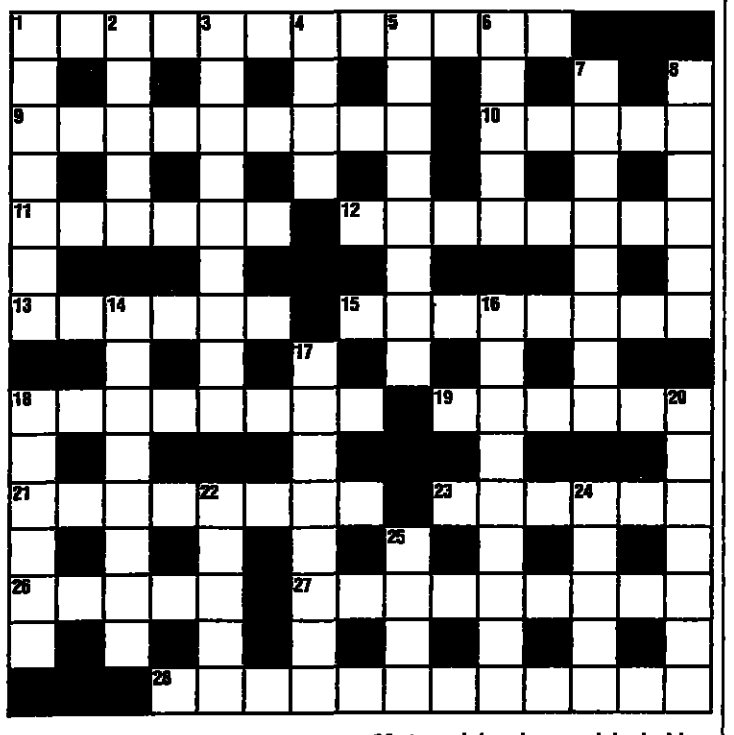


ACROSS

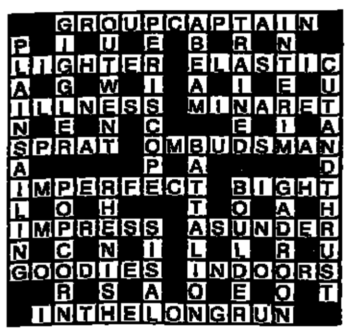
1 Romantic adventurer near land in Kent but lacking energy (6,6).
9 Don't try so hard — it's vulgar (9).
10 It's hard when there's no employment in building (5).
11 A hen, say, is a pushover for these carnivores (6).
12 Sort of bronze that might be found in pieces (8).
13 Slightly leavened bread put outside university church — as a hint (6).
15 One comes down here to declare the runners (8).
18 Reserve needed — the match is even (3,5).
19 Schoolmaster, encircled by no parking, reversing into lock-up (6).
21 Tree on a rocky tor producing poison (8).
23 As an injured man might, lacking experience (6).
26 Excess of this is self-defeating (5).
27 He's a fool to put on the French spread (9).
28 Her entrée had to be battered thinly (4,3,5).

DOWN

1 Monarch abandons field marshal in the galley (7).
2 Go out with one's girl (5).
3 Is the chair her's to move? No, it's the High Priest's (9).
4 Told to handle some livestock (4).
5 God has appointed a Russian monk (8).
6 The prophet is hardly human (5).
7 Only "Hair" gets support (8).
8 Danced maybe when wound up (6).
14 Free-style skater is a star (8).
16 Steady soldiers in the army turn up out of the blue (9).
17 The sloth, for instance, of prime minister and cricketer (8).
18 After a sharp blow a man needs a bandage (6).
20 Whence came Morris's news (7).
22 Extract from an article (5).
24 If it's French it's taken to be unauthorised departure (5).
25 Silent god who put a spell on Brynhild (4).

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 21 per cent of the competitors at the 1995 York regional final of The Times *Crossword Championship.*

Solution to Puzzle No 19,844



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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Kinloss and Lossiemouth, Moray Firth, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Sumburgh, Shetland, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Kirkwall, Orkney, 0.20in; highest sunshine: Lowestoft, Suffolk, 12.1hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** after a misty start in places, England and Wales will have a dry, warm day with plenty of sunshine. Along the coasts, though, where there are likely to be sea breezes, it will be a little cooler.

Northern Ireland and much of Scotland will be bright with sunny periods during the day. However, the far northwest is likely to be more cloudy with the chance of a little drizzle.

☐ **London, Midlands, Central N England:** dry, warm and sunny. Wind south light to moderate. Max 23C (73F).

☐ **SE, Central S, SW England, Channel Isles:** dry, warm and sunny, but cooler near the coast with sea breezes. Wind southeast becoming east light to moderate. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **E Anglia, E, NE England, Borders:** dry, warm and sunny, but cooler near the coast with sea breezes. Wind south to southeast light to moderate. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, N Ireland:** dry, warm and sunny. Wind south light to moderate. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** bright with some sunshine but also the chance of a coastal shower. Wind south light to moderate. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** a mostly cloudy day with the chance of some drizzle. Wind south to southwest moderate. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Outlook for tomorrow and Friday:** staying warm and dry in most places.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	8.6	0.02	17	63	s	Liverpool	5.3	-	17	63	b
Anglesey	6.9	-	18	64	b	London	9.2	-	18	64	s
Aspatria	8.5	-	20	68	fg	Lowestoft	12.1	-	12	54	s
Aviemore	6.0	-	20	68	b	Manchester	7.5	-	18	64	b
Belfast	X	0.01	15	59	b	Margate	11.5	-	14	57	s
Birmingham	7.1	-	17	63	b	Minehead	X				
Bognor R	10.6	-	14	57	s	Morecambe	6.3	-	20	68	b
Bristol	4.9	-	17	63	b	Newcastle	4.7	-	19	66	s
Buxton	8.4	-	15	59	b	Newquay	3.4	-	16	61	c
Cardiff	3.1	-	16	61	b	Norwich	12.0	-	15	59	s
Clacton	11.2	-	14	57	s	Oxford	5.6	-	18	64	s
Cleethorpes	3.3	-	15	59	c	Penzance	2.6	-	15	59	b
Colwyn Bay	6.1	-	19	66	b	Plymouth	X				
Cromer	11.7	-	12	54	s	Poole	8.2	-	15	59	s
Doncaster	3.6	-	18	64	b	Prestatyn	5.1	-	19	66	c
Dunbar	X					Ross-o-wye	5.5	-	19	66	b
Eastbourne	9.3	-	13	55	s	Ryde	10.0	-	13	55	s
Edinburgh	8.7	-	21	70	s	Salcombe	7.6	-	15	59	s
Eskdalemuir	8.0	-	18	64	b	Sandown	10.3	-	13	55	s
Exmouth	8.4	-	13	55	s	Saunton Snd	3.9	-	17	63	c
Falmouth	X					Scarboro'	3.8	-	15	59	b
Fishguard	2.6	-	16	61	c	Scilly Isles	X				
Folkestone	9.9	-	14	57	s	Shanklin	11.7	-	13	55	s
Glasgow	6.1	-	19	66	b	Shrewsbury	4.9	-	17	63	b
Guernsey	10.1	-	18	64	s	Skegness	7.8	-	12	54	s
Hastings	8.8	-	14	57	s	Southend	X	-	13	55	s
Hayling I	9.7	-	14	57	s	Southport	5.0	-	17	63	b
Herne Bay	11.6	-	15	59	s	Southsea	9.8	-	X	X	s
Hove	10.7	-	14	57	s	Stornoway	4.4	0.13	15	59	r
Hunstanton	5.4	-	18	64	s	Swanage	7.7	-	13	55	s
Ilfracombe	[illegible]	-	14	57	b	Teignmouth	6.8	-	15	59	b
Isle of Man	5.6	-	13	55	s	Tenby	2.3	-	14	57	c
Jersey	11.5	-	19	66	s	Tiree	6.4	0.17	12	54	sh
Kinloss	6.6	0.06	22	72	r	Torquay	7.7	-	15	59	b
Leeds	6.6	-	19	66	b	Tynemouth	X				
Lerwick	0.7	0.04	10	50	r	Ventnor	11.6	-	14	57	s
Leuchars	8.3	-	17	63	s	Weymouth	7.9	-	13	55	b
Littlehmptn	11.4	-	14	57	s						

These are Monday's figures

ABROAD

Ajaccio	19	66	f	C'phagn	11	52	s	Madrid	24	75	s	Riyadh	36	97	s
Akrotiri	20	68	s	Corfu	22	72	f	Majorca	21	70	f	Rome	18	64	f
Alex'dria	21	70	f	Dublin	14	57	c	Malaga	21	70	f	Salzburg	16	61	f
Algiers	22	72	s	Dubrovnik	20	68	r	Malta	18	64	c	S F'risco	14	57	r
Amst'dm	20	68	s	Faro	27	81	s	Melb'rne	17	63	s	Santiago	18	64	s
Athens	22	72	s	Florence	21	70	f	Mexico C	23	73	s	Seoul	22	72	s
Bahrain	33	91	s	Frankfurt	18	64	s	Miami	29	84	s	Sing'por	26	79	f
Bangkok	36	97	f	Funchal	20	68	c	Milan	21	70	s	St'kholm	10	50	c
Barbados	27	81	c	Geneva	16	61	f	Montreal	6	43	f	Strasb'rg	19	66	s
Barcelona	19	66	s	Gibraltar	20	68	s	Moscow	2	36	c	Sydney	21	70	r
Beirut	21	70	f	Helsinki	8	46	s	Munich	15	59	s	Tangier	25	77	s
Belgrade	12	54	r	Hong K	31	88	s	Nairobi	22	72	c	Tel Aviv	24	75	s
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Brussels	20	68	s	Karachi	38	100	s	Oslo	15	59	s	Valencia	21	70	f
Budapest	15	59	c	L Palmas	23	73	s	Paris	21	70	s	Vanc'ver	13	55	f
B Aires	21	70	s	Le Tquet	21	70	f	Peking	16	61	s	Venice	20	68	s
Cairo	27	81	s	Lisbon	26	79	s	Perth	20	68	s	Vienna	13	55	s
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Locarno	23	73	f	Prague	11	52	s	Warsaw	8	46	c
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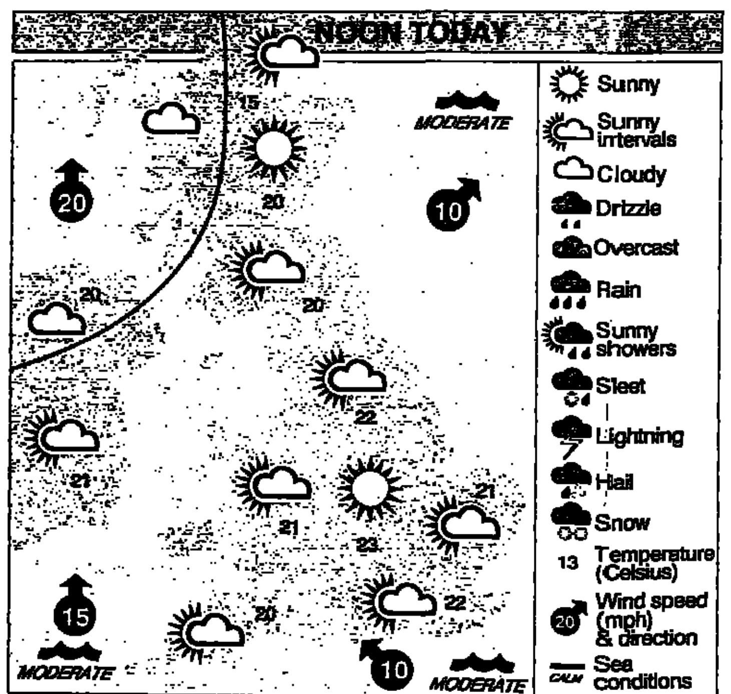

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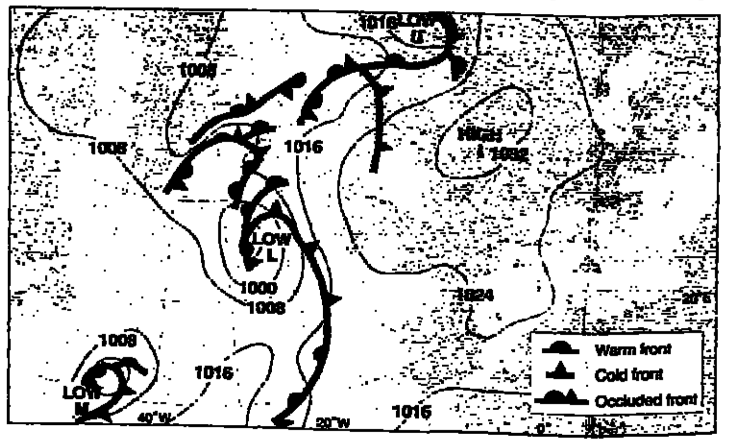

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Aberdeen	3.11	3.90	3.37	3.84	Liverpool	0.50	8.79	1.11	8.73
Avonmouth	9.05	12.42	9.15	12.34	Lowestoft	11.19	2.36	11.48	2.27
Belfast	0.45	3.54	1.08	3.27	Margate	1.47	4.48	1.52	4.53
Cardiff	9.00	11.34	9.09	11.48	Milford Haven	8.06	6.32	8.17	6.35
Devonport	7.34	5.01	7.46	5.14	Newquay	6.58	6.25	7.16	6.25
Dover	0.42	6.32	1.04	6.27	Oban	7.33	3.62	7.38	3.69
Dublin	1.19	3.94	1.41	3.79	Penzance	6.32	4.96	6.49	5.00
Falmouth	7.00	4.62	7.19	4.85	Portland	8.29	1.77	8.41	1.81
Glasgow	2.40	4.68	3.06	4.28	Portsmouth	0.59	4.49	1.24	4.44
Harwich	1.33	3.80	1.45	3.76	Shoreham	0.49	5.84	1.15	5.76
Holyhead	-	-	0.18	5.07	Southampton	0.25	4.36	0.48	4.32
Hull	8.06	7.03	8.28	6.78	Swansea	8.16	8.81	8.26	8.79
Ilfracombe	7.52	8.30	8.00	8.34	Tees	5.26	4.99	5.52	4.84
King's Lynn	8.12	6.23	8.30	6.03	W'ton-on-Nze	1.23	3.97	1.35	3.95

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 5.30 am
Sun sets: 8.26 pm
Moon sets: 11.54 pm
Moon rises: 7.56 am

London 8.26 pm to 5.28 am
Bristol 8.36 pm to 5.38 am
Edinburgh 8.55 pm to 5.24 am
Manchester 8.42 pm to 5.29 am
Penzance 8.44 pm to 5.54 am

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BA remains Maurice Saatchi's favourite airline

By Melvyn Marckus
City Editor

BRITISH AIRWAYS has abandoned its 12-year association with Saatchi & Saatchi and switched its lucrative advertising account to "New Saatchi", the breakaway agency founded by Maurice Saatchi.

The loss of British Airways, with annual billings of around $125 million, is a serious blow for Saatchi & Saatchi, which has suffered a spate of client defections following the ousting of Mr Saatchi, as chairman, last December.

Mr Saatchi was informed of the news by Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of British Airways, and Robert Ayling, managing director, at the airline's West End offices yesterday afternoon. Sir Colin, a former marketing specialist, has taken a close interest in the two-month beauty parade. Indications are that the outcome proved a close run race between New Saatchi and Bartle Bogle Hegarty, renowned for its creative work for the likes of Coca-Cola, Levi jeans and Haagen-Dazs Ice Cream. Old Saatchi, recently renamed Cordiant, and J Walter Thompson, an offshoot of WPP, were the other contenders. Mr Ayling said that the decision had proved "extremely difficult" and added that all the proposals were of "exceptional quality". Mr Saatchi said yesterday that he was "absolutely delighted" at the news.

Expectations are that Qantas, the Australian airline in which BA holds a 25 per cent stake, will announce a similar decision today and switch its $40 million international account out of Cordiant into New Saatchi.

Jennifer Laing, of Cordiant, said: "The loss of British Airways' business obviously comes as a great disappointment. Clearly we will need to balance the impact of this loss along side other recent business wins before coming to any final conclusion on whether we need to review staffing levels."

British Airways defection from Cordiant implies a loss of revenue of around £7 million. Other clients that have switched from Old Saatchi to New Saatchi include Gallaher, Mirror Group Newspapers and Dixons.

Sir Colin strongly opposed Mr Saatchi's removal from Saatchi & Saatchi, the result of a power play masterminded by David Herro, a Chicago fund manager, and chief executive Charles Scott. In a letter to Mr Herro last December Sir Colin reiterated his views, already put to Sir Peter Walters, a non-executive director of Saatchi & Saatchi, that Mr Saatchi had been the "driving force and key lynchpin" behind the two companies relationship.

Against this background, BA's exit from Cordiant is hardly surprising. Similar warnings were issued to Mr Scott and his colleagues by John and Forrest Mars last year. In February, Mars duly withdrew its $400 million account, implying a £30 million revenue loss for the agency.

Cordiant's share price, down from more than 150p in mid-December to 94p, may come under renewed pressure.

Warburg close to split in SBC deal

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

SG WARBURG, the troubled City investment bank, is on the brink of break-up with the planned sale of its investment banking operations to Swiss Bank Corporation for an estimated £800 million.

The sale would not include its 75 per cent-owned Mercury Asset Management or SG Warburg Group, the holding company.

The sale of the investment banking business would leave SG Warburg with cash or shares in Swiss Bank Corporation (SBC) and its 75 per cent of MAM. A share distribution of some form to Warburg shareholders is more likely than a cash payment, to avoid capital gains tax.

In the short term, MAM will retain its independence, though it is not ruling out a sale in the longer term.

Warburg has suffered the defection of key staff and a lack of client confidence since its failed attempt to merge with Morgan Stanley, the US investment banking group five months ago. Those talks were scuppered in December by the objections of MAM.

Warburg has since been surrounded by bid speculation, which reached fever pitch yesterday, with rumours that it was planning a merger with Smith Barney, the US broker. That pushed Warburg's share price to a high for the year and forced it to make a statement about its talks with SBC.

Warburg shares closed last night at 821p, up 46p.

In its statement, Warburg said that it was evaluating an approach from SBC "which could result in a combination of their investment banking businesses within SBC". Combination would not involve MAM nor an offer for SG Warburg Group, it said.

With talks at an early stage, it is not yet clear whether the Warburg name will be kept. The banks hope to conclude talks by the end of the month.

The collapse of the Morgan Stanley talks pushed Warburg into crisis. After key staff left in February, Lord Cairns, the chief executive, resigned, the bank issued a profits warning, and Sir David Scholey, its chairman, abandoned his retirement plans to head a new management committee.

Yesterday's announcement came as Warburg was thrown into chaos by the departure of its four most senior European equity staff to the rival Morgan Grenfell. They had been asked to delay resigning for a day, given the sensitive state of the SBC negotiations.

David Haysey, 38, co-head of European equities, becomes head of European equities at Morgan Grenfell; Joe Hall, 36, co-head of European equities, becomes head of European equity sales; Ian Wace, 32, head of European equity trading, takes the same job at Morgan Grenfell; and Miko Giedroyc, head of European equity research, keeps the same job title. Key members of their teams are expected to follow them.

In the past three months, Morgan Grenfell, whose parent Deutsche Bank is building an integrated investment banking operation based in London, has wiped out Warburg's top equities team.

The four join their former Warburg colleagues Maurice Thompson and Michael Cohrs, joint heads of equity capital markets, whose departures to Morgan Grenfell threw Warburg into crisis in February. Mr Thompson and Mr Cohrs are building a new equities distribution business at Morgan Grenfell. They took eight members of their 30-strong team with them.

Mike Dobson, Morgan Grenfell chief executive, said the appointments were "a significant step in strengthening our existing businesses in Europe".

Warburg said that Stephen Carr, head of group research, and David Burnett, head of fixed interest and treasury operations, will become joint heads of European equities. Simon Ellen takes over fixed-interest and treasury operations, James Rothman and Andrew Tapper have been made joint heads of European equity sales, and Alan Broughton is to head European research.

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TONY WHITE

Gerald Maynard, chairman of Langdons Foods, supplier of tea and coffee to restaurants, which is to come to the market later this month through a placing and offer of 42.3 million shares at 3p. The company, which was founded in 1963, will be capitalised at £1.9 million.

Halifax reports further decline in house prices

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

HOMEOWNERS today receive more depressing news, with the Halifax Building Society reporting that house prices fell slightly in April for the second month in a row. This, together with figures showing weak bank mortgage lending, confirms that there is no sign of recovery in the housing market.

The Halifax said average house prices fell by a seasonally adjusted 0.3 per cent in April to £62,300, and were 1.4 per cent lower than a year ago. The society said: "The underlying trend remains flat and we expect this to continue for the foreseeable future."

The British Bankers' Association yesterday confirmed that bank mortgage lending is continuing the deceleration that has been apparent for some time. Gross loans of [illegible] billion in March were up 31 per cent on February but a large jump between these two months happens every year and these figures are not seasonally adjusted.

Lending in March was lower than a year ago and the increase over February was smaller than the jump between the two months in 1994. New approvals were also lower than a year ago and, in the first quarter, the BBA said that the number of first-time buyers fell again. Tim Sweeney, Director-General of the BBA, expressed modest relief that the market is still growing weakly, in spite of rises in mortgage rates and the reduction in mortgage interest relief which came into effect last month.

The other economic news yesterday was that Britain's official reserves rose by an underlying $156 million in April. Actual reserves rose $351 million to $46.5 billion.

Economists said that the figures, which had been expected to show no underlying change, strongly suggest that the Bank of England made no attempt to support sterling in the foreign exchange markets, despite its weakness during the month. The authorities have made it clear repeatedly since sterling left the exchange-rate mechanism that they believe in a free-floating currency.

A strongly rising mark put pressure on the pound, which lost three pfennigs from Monday's close to end at DM2.2164.

☐ In America, sales of new houses rebounded in March after a sharp slump in February. This had been expected and analysts said that the overall trend remains weaker. On Monday, figures showed slightly stronger economic growth than expected.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3248.2	(+27.8)
Yield	4.20%	
FT-SE A All share	1591.88	(+11.62)
Nikkei	17088.66	(+277.20)
New York		
Dow Jones	4316.78	(+0.69)*
S&P Composite	513.84	(-0.42)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	6%*	(6 1/16%)
Long Bond	103 9/16*	(103 9/32)
Yield	7.33%*	(7.35%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	7%	(7%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	103 19/32	(103 9/16)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6130*	(1.6155)
London:		
$	1.6127	(1.6181)
DM	2.2232	(2.2484)
FFr	7.9400	(8.0090)
SFr	1.8306	(1.8536)
Yen	134.89	(135.11)
£ Index	84.4	(85.1)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.3788*	(1.3905)
FFr	4.9210*	(4.9545)
SFr	1.1345*	(1.1482)
Yen	83.66*	(83.43)
$ Index	87.4	(87.7)

Tokyo close Yen 83.73

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jul)	$18.55	($18.60)

GOLD

London close	$388.75	($387.35)

* denotes midday trading price

People power

Consumer group called for cuts of around 2 per cent next year in electricity prices rather than the proposed one-off rebate. Consumers believe they have not benefited sufficiently from privatisation and that the industry regulator has not been tough enough.
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Body blow

The market value of Body Shop fell sharply after the the cosmetics group warned the City that profits growth would be minimal this year because of product development.
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Scottish HQ hint made in nuclear privatisation

By Eric Reguly

EXECUTIVES of Scottish Nuclear were in London yesterday in a last-ditch effort to prevent the company from being privatised along with Nuclear Electric, its bigger rival in England and Wales.

The Scottish Office, meanwhile, wants the headquarters of the company that will hold Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear to be set up in Edinburgh after next year's £3.5 billion privatisation and has been seeking assurances that there will be no job losses.

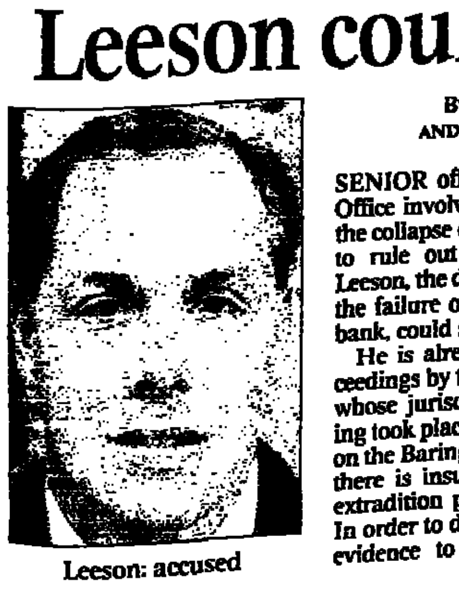
Nuclear Electric, noting neither company would lose its operational headquarters, is said to be open to the idea of an Edinburgh headquarters for the holding company. Robin Jeffrey, Scottish Nuclear's chief executive, is fighting an uphill battle. He said the company's chances of remaining independent are only "20 per cent, but growing."

The Cabinet is likely to release the long-awaited *Nuclear Review*, that will outline the Government's preferred course for privatisation, next week. The City thinks it is inevitable that the two companies will be privatised as a single entity.

Scottish Nuclear has presented the Government with a 16-page report, written by Lazard Brothers, its financial adviser, that outlines the arguments for an independent flotation. It says the company's reactors are "extremely reliable", it has strong cash flow and profits and its sales contract is guaranteed until 2005.

But analysts say Scottish Nuclear, with only two plants, against the six that will included in the Nuclear Electric sale, might be shunned by investors. If one of the plants has to shut down, even temporarily, the shares could collapse. "You could float it but you wouldn't get much for it because of the risk," said John Reynolds of James Capel.

Leeson could still be extradited to Britain



Leeson: accused

By Robert Miller
and Dominic Kennedy

SENIOR officials at the Serious Fraud Office involved in the investigation into the collapse of Barings last night refused to rule out the possibility that Nick Leeson, the derivatives trader blamed for the failure of the 233-year-old merchant bank, could still be extradited to the UK.

He is already facing extradition proceedings by the Singapore authorities, in whose jurisdiction the derivatives trading took place. One SFO insider working on the Barings case said: "At the moment there is insufficient evidence to mount extradition proceedings for Mr Leeson. In order to do so there has to be enough evidence to charge a suspect and a realistic prospect of securing a conviction. That is not the current situation, but it is possible that an extradition may be sought for Mr Leeson." The SFO has not yet interviewed Mr Leeson, who is being held in custody in Frankfurt's Hoechst prison.

As part of his stated wish to be brought back to the UK, Mr Leeson has turned down a request from Bank of England officials to help with their investigation unless he can return to Britain in order to do so.

Meanwhile, a German prosecutor said yesterday that enough evidence had already been produced to justify Mr Leeson's extradition to Singapore. The former Barings trader will remain in a Frankfurt prison for several months while his lawyers fight to avoid trial by the island republic, where he could face 84 years' imprisonment. Singapore handed a 1,000-page extradition request to Germany last week, easily beating yesterday's deadline. Mr Leeson is now accused of 12 charges of forgery and cheating, each carrying seven years' imprisonment.

His British lawyer, Stephen Pollard of Kingsley Napley, said: "In England, assuming you were found guilty of them all, you would be likely to have concurrent sentences. That doesn't necessarily apply in Singapore." Forging a document is an offence in Germany and is punishable by more than a year in prison — two essential conditions under German law for an extradition.

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Power users call for 2% cut in prices

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE heads of electricity consumer groups yesterday called for price cuts of about 2 per cent next year rather than a one-off rebate.

The chairmen's group of the Electricity Consumers' Committees, set up under privatisation to represent customers' interests, said customers had not yet benefited sufficiently from privatisation — and they criticised Stephen Littlechild, the regulator, for not being tough enough over prices.

The group backed Professor Littlechild's decision to review the electricity price formula — but urged him to adopt new controls which would transfer to customers some of the companies' capital assets.

In their first report, they made clear their strong opposition to a single rebate to customers, which they said would not satisfy the need for a better balance between investors and customers. But they said larger-than-expected assets and high profitability meant consumers now clearly expected a price cut in 1996 from the regulator's re-opening of his review.

Yvonne Constance, the group's chairman, said it would expect to see a reduction in the base level of distribution prices of about 10 per cent, which would translate overall into a cut of about 2 per cent in final tariff prices. The group is pressing the regulator to adopt the "tough target" of an RPI-5 pricing formula.

While the consumers' chairmen expressed confidence in the regulator, they noted his reopening of the price review. Mrs Constance said: "By the fact that he has had to review price controls again, it shows he was neither tough enough nor were we sceptical enough." Peter Weston, deputy chairman, said: "The benefits to shareholders have been far greater. Since privatisation share prices have risen dramatically and dividends have grown each year."

The consumers' chairman also welcomed the likely privatisation of the nuclear generating industry. Mrs Constance said: "If it improves competition, delivers greater efficiency and reduces prices we are wholly in favour of it." But they made it clear they would have preferred to see Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear kept separate.

PETER TREVNOR

Simply blooming: Jim Bone, left, managing director, and Robin Garland, chief executive of EFG, the Oxford garden centre group, saw pre-tax profits for the year to January 29 jump to £917,000 (£132,000). The dividend rises to 0.5p (0.1p).

Action plea on days lost by sickness

By Our Industrial Editor

BUSINESS was urged yesterday to take action aimed at reducing the number of people who suffer from ill health at work and to limit its economic loss.

Launching its biggest-ever campaign, the Health and Safety Executive, the Government's principal safety body, said campaign inspectors would be starting on a minimum of 600 in-depth visits to companies aimed at examining their records and performance on occupational health.

The three-year campaign, backed by leading industrialists and medical specialists. It is aimed directly at business — and especially small and medium-sized enterprises — with the aim of emphasising that in addition to complying with the law, there are substantial business benefits to improved health management. These include reduced sickness absence and pay costs, lower labour turnover, lower recruitment and training costs and increased productivity and product quality.

The HSE said there were now about 2.2 million people each year who suffered ill-health caused or made worse by work. While the total number of accidents at work each year is about 1.5 million, the number of working days losts due to ill health was about 30 million.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Gehe wins battle to take over AAH

AAH, Britain's largest pharmaceutical wholesaler, lost its fight for independence yesterday when, in the closing hours, sufficient shareholders accepted a £400 million hostile bid from Gehe, a German rival, to make the offer go unconditional. By the 1 pm dealine, shareholders representing 35.1 per cent of AAH's equity accepted the offer of 445p a share — increased from an opening offer of 420p. This, taken together with the 29.2 per cent already acquired in AAH since the offer was launched, raised Gehe's interest to 65 per cent.

Dieter Kammerer, chairman of Gehe' management board, said: "I am delighted that so many AAH shareholders have recognised the merits of the offer." AAH's management, lead by chairman John Padovan, consistently argued that the offer undervalued the group as benefits of a radical restructuring had still to feed through. Gehe, keen to break into the UK drugs market, timed its offer well. AAH has posted three profits warnings since last summer, the latest of which was in February.

Pay falls at Burmah

BOARDROOM pay at Burmah Castrol, the lubricants manufacturer, fell last year, with Jonathan Fry, chief executive, receiving £418,000, a reduction of £54,000 on the previous year in spite of a 21 per cent rise in annual pre-tax profits to £219 million. Burmah's 10-strong board cost its shareholders £1.5 million before pension contributions, 20 per cent less than in 1993. The fall in Mr Fry's pay reflected a reduced bonus, which totalled £60,000 last year. However, his base salary rose 7 per cent to £345,000. The bonus is related to growth in earnings per share, up 20 per cent last year, after a 39 per cent rise in 1993.

Liffe leaps to record

THE London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange (Liffe) is seeking additional trading floor space, possibly at another site, in response to an increase in activity and another record year. Last year was Liffe's 12th successive year of volume records and its most successful year to date. Volumes amounted to more than 153 million contracts traded, representing a 50 per cent increase over 1993. The financial surplus was £40.8 million last year. Nick Durlacher, who intends to retire as Liffe's chairman, said that while there had been a slow start to volumes in the current year, 1995 would be "a year of further achievement".

Compass buys in US

COMPASS GROUP, the catering to healthcare group, is further expanding its North American presence with the acquisition of Flik International, a New York-based food service management company, for $16 million. The purchase of Flik, which had a total turnover of $45 million in the year last June, comes a year after the group's $450 million takeover of Canteen Corporation, the US catering company. Mike Bailey, chief executive of Compass's US catering operations, said the Flik acquisition would bring a strong team of quality people experienced in meeting the needs of their specialised marketplace.

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Payout boost at Carr's

A STRONG jump in sales helped Carr's Milling Industries, the Carlisle-based agribusiness, flour milling and baking group, to lift pre-tax profits by 17.8 per cent to £1.33 million in the 26 weeks to March 4. Turnover, boosted by good demand for farm machinery and a better than expected performance from the new joint venture bakery company, advanced by 33.2 per cent to £40.1 milion. Ian Carr, chairman, said the group is expected to show further progress in the second half. This confidence is reflected in an increased interim dividend of 2p (1.2p), to be paid on June 16, from earnings ahead 15.1 per cent to 12.2p (10.6p) a share.

Coals from Cardiff

SOUTH WALES COAL is being exported once again from Cardiff docks after a break of five years. Tower Colliery, the pit that was bought by its miners last December, has broken into the export market, and the first shipment destined for France left Cardiff this week. The miners, who have just signed a contract with British Steel to supply its Port Talbot and Llanwern plants, are also confident of making sales in Germany. They are particularly delighted to have been able to prove British Coal wrong, as British Coal closed the pit after alleging that there was no market for Tower's coal.

Lufthansa sale delay

PRIVATISATION of the German Government's remaining stake in Lufthansa will be delayed until next year. Originally planned for later this year the sale has run into legal difficulties over a requirement that the majority of shares has to remain in German hands. Matthias Wissmann, the German Transport Minister, has now proposed an employee buy-in scheme. He said: "The privatisation will go hand in hand with greater employee participation. A service provider like Lufthansa needs motivated employees." The Government holds 36 per cent of the shares, worth approximately £1 billion.

Swissair pact with Sabena

SWISSAIR will tomorrow start to form Europe's fourth-biggest airline with an agreement to take a 49.5 per cent stake in Sabena, the state-controlled Belgian airline.

The Swiss national carrier is expected to up its stake as soon as the European Union opens the way for non-EU airlines to gain control of EU carriers.

The Belgian Government, struggling with huge public sector debts, is selling part of its 62.5 per cent in Sabena. Air France, the troubled state-owned airline, and Belgian institutions are later expected to sell their joint 37.5 per cent of Sabena to the Swiss.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.32	2.15
Austria Sch	16.82	15.32
Belgium Fr	49.28	44.98
Canada $	2.292	2.132
Cyprus Cyp£	0.755	0.700
Denmark Kr	9.44	8.64
Finland Mkk	7.47	6.82
France Fr	8.44	7.79
Germany Dm	2.40	2.19
Greece Dr	383.00	358.00
Hong Kong $	13.12	12.12
Ireland Pt	1.04	0.96
Israel	5.3048	4.5548
Italy Lira	2795.00	2640.00
Japan Yen	149.50	133.50
Malta	0.604	0.549
Netherlds Gld	2.670	2.440
Norway Kr	10.67	9.87
Portugal Esc	249.00	230.50
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.43
Spain Pta	206.00	193.00
Sweden Kr	12.34	11.54
Switzerland Fr	1.99	1.81
Turkey Lira	refer	65926.0
USA $	1.711	1.581

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☐ SG Warburg fate in SBC's hands ☐ Redirect excess power profits into energy conservation ☐ CanWest tops C5 bidding

The knackers' yard beckons

☐ THE death throes of SG Warburg are truly distressing to watch. For someone who remembers the heady days after Big Bang in 1986, when SG Warburg was the ultimate mover in the City, arrogant, powerful and effective — it seems scarcely credible that the current management is leading the bank off to the corporate equivalent of the knackers' yard.

For that is what the latest talks with Swiss Bank Corporation amount to. SBC appears to be offering around £800 million for Warburg's troubled investment banking division. That would leave the group with little more than a large pile of cash and a 75 per cent stake in Mercury Asset Management, a business it no longer has effective management control over. Warburg's only logical move after selling its investment banking business to SBC would be to return the cash and MAM equity to its shareholders. The business so painstakingly built up by Sir Siegmund Warburg and his successors since the war would be boiled down for glue.

Unfortunately, Warburg's management now seem to have little choice but to take this drastic course of action. The aborted "merger" talks with Morgan Stanley last December have so damaged the firm's reputation that its ability to remain independent in the long-term is gradually fading. The SG Warburg group is sitting on an investment banking business whose value is steadily dwindling as key staff defect and clients become disillusioned. Warburg still reigns supreme in terms of its client list and the volume of mergers & acqusitions business it conducts, but for how much longer?

Clearly the group needs to sell the investment banking business before its value becomes even more impaired. And the deadline for that is fast approaching. In two weeks time, Warburg staff will receive their annual bonuses. After the past year there is far less cash to go around, and Warburg is left with the unenviable alternatives of rewarding shareholders or staff. After bonus day, the trickle of departures could become a flood.

For SBC, this is a superb opportunity to buy what it has failed to build for itself. SBC has a powerful investment banking apparatus, with a clever derivatives team, but an embarrassing lack of blue chip clients. Only Trafalgar House has used SBC's skills recently in its bid for Northern Electric, and that ended in a fracas with the target and the regulators.

Although the market values SG Warburg's investment banking business at just £613 million, Sir David Scholey, chairman, should not be allowed to sell the business to SBC on the cheap. SBC will try, claiming that loyalty bonuses to the staff it keeps and redundancy payments to the ones it doesn't will cost dear. Having failed to secure Warburg's future into the next century, Sir David owes it to his shareholders to ensure they get the best price for its remains.

Going green with envy

☐ THE row over regional electricity utilities is really about profits, not prices. That offers a great opportunity to make a big push for energy conservation. But attitudes are so blinkered that the prospect of hefty savings in fossil fuel and air pollution is not seriously being considered.

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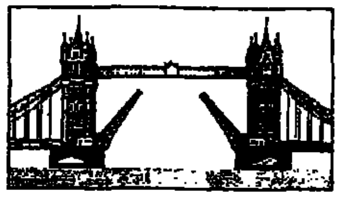

Few consumers on the domestic tariff have been up in arms about charges and not that many about service standards. After Stephen Littlechild's summer price review, charges average about 6 per cent less than at privatisation, in real terms — very different from water.

The remaining four years of the price review have been torn up because of the munificent profits, dividends and cash flow oozing out of the twelve privatised companies, and crystallised when Northern Electric defended a takeover offer from Trafalgar House. Residential consumers and their representatives started complaining only when they saw how much shareholders were getting. Institutional investors call the shots, so companies cannot share surpluses voluntarily with customers. The regulator must act.

Professor Littlechild should, however, look at alternatives to cutting prices. Only huge cuts in distribution charges have much effect on bills. And if that happened, the regulator would directly encourage higher electricity use. Yet in his earlier review of supply charges he allowed the companies to charge £100 million to fund conservation and energy efficiency measures. Meanwhile, taxpayers are forking up for subsidies to domestic energy-saving projects. This does not make sense.

The regulator should use the leeway in company finances to fulfil his obligations under privatization laws to help consumers save electricity. That would probably have much more impact on their bills. Homes use too much power because energy-saving appliances — from freezers to lightbulbs — tend to cost much more initially than old energy-wasting designs.

The Government is incapable of integrating policies across departments. So is the Opposition, as Labour pronouncements show. The regulator has a duty to balance interests. He should take this chance to do so.

Outsider wins the Channel 5 stakes

☐ IF the bookies win when all the favourites fall, then they were cleaning up last night after the Channel 5 sweepstakes. One much favoured horse, the Granada Group/BSkyB consortium, appears to have found the grass in the paddock more attractive than the rigours of the race course and put in a very low offer while making diffident noises about the real worth of the prize.

Two other horses ended in a scarcely believable dead heat. It is hard to credit that the offers from Virgin and the Pearson/MAI consortium were hatched independently, although it is even more difficult to see what benefit they might hope to gain from bidding identical amounts. Had they both won, it would have required the Independent Television Commission to run the race again in just ten days.

The coincidence becomes even more bizarre when one realises that their bids will have had to be inflation-adjusted for the period to the first year of the franchise period, 1997, which suggests that both consortiums even used the same inflation model.

The race was won by a horse that until quite recently lacked a jockey. SelecTV was always going to join the Mirror Group/NBC player until the Americans decided Channel 5 was not worth its while and pulled out. At the same time, CanWest, industry rumour suggests, was desperately casting around for some input from a British production company.

The ITC must now decide if the CanWest bid meets the necessary quality requirements and is financially viable. To cast aside the top bidder for the second-ran would not be unprecedented; TVS Entertainment's application for the last ITV franchise was rejected, as was the top bidder for a national radio franchise. By an amusing irony, the successful second bidders in those cases were MAI and Virgin. But the betting must be that the Canadians will be deemed to have deep enough pockets to tough out the ten-year franchise period, even though they will be some way into it before they start to make an acceptable return from their surprising ten length victory.

Profit warning body blow to shares of Body Shop

By Sarah Bagnall

SHARES of Body Shop fell 23½p to 152½p yesterday when the eco-friendly cosmetics retailer warned the City that profits growth was expected to be minimal in the current year.

The decline in the shares of Body Shop cut about £45 million off the company's stock market value, leaving it at £289 million.

Gordon Roddick, chairman, said: "Although it is still very early in our financial year, we do not anticipate much change in the level of pre-tax profit for this year." The warning prompted analysts to cut their forecasts for the current year by about £7 million to between a profit of £30 million and £34 million. The gloomy prediction reflects the company's decision to invest heavily in people to improve product development, marketing and retail skills. This, together with other initiatives, will add to the group's cost base, effectively eradicating any profit growth.

Rod Whitehead, an analyst at Goldman Sachs, said: "Body Shop have realised that they have a potentially major global personal care brand on their hands, but they don't have the management infrastructure to develop it. The key now is whether the investment in people pays off."

The profits warning came as Body Shop unveiled a 13 per cent rise in profits to £33.5 million in the year to February 25. Retail sales rose 16 per cent to £500 million, while turnover advanced 12 per cent to £219.7 million.

During the year the group continued to expand, with 157 new store openings, taking its total to 1,210 in 45 countries. Sales by the new stores disguised a 3 per cent decline in like-for-like sales.

While Body Shop achieved significant sales growth in the Far East, analysts were concerned by a 3 per cent fall in like-for-like sales in the US, where the group faces tough competition from copycat rivals and Bath and Body Works, the rapidly expanding joint venture between The Limited and Next.

Last year Body Shop opened 65 stores in the US, taking the total to 235, and has plans to open a further 40 in the current year.

In contrast, sales soared in Asia, particularly in Japan, where retail sales leapt 86 per cent and like-for-like sales rose 14 per cent. The group plans to accelerate its store openings in Japan, lifting the total to 60 by the end of the year.

The final dividend was lifted from 1.25p to 1.5p, making a total for the year of 2.4p, up from 2p last time. The dividend, due July 14, is being paid out of earnings of 11.5p a share, up from 10.1p last time.

ADRIAN BROOKS

Gordon Roddick is paying the price for initiatives that have increased the cost base, eradicating profit growth

Plea for more state spending

BIG construction companies call today for the Government to reverse planned cuts in infrastructure spending as evidence from civil engineering shows a marked slowdown in future workload (Philip Bassett writes).

In its latest quarterly survey, the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors says today that a sharp fall in invitations to tender for work takes the bid level to its lowest April level since the survey began in 1980.

John Hackett, the FCEC director-general, says that the "very worrying" fall is in addition to a decline in current workload. He called on the Government to restore cuts in infrastructure spending "to help not just the civil engineering industry but all the users of Britain's transport infrastructure".

BSkyB profits double to £49m in first quarter

By Martin Waller

THE number of subscribers to BSkyB, the satellite television operator that floated on the stock market late last year, passed the four-million mark during the first three months of this year, traditionally a quiet period for satellite dish sales.

An upbeat trading statement from the company, an associate of News International, owner of *The Times*, looked to further rises in subscribers on the back of a spring marketing offensive and a new advertising campaign. The campaign coincides with the decision by a number of retailers to reduce the price of satellite dishes to below £100 for the first time.

BSkyB saw pre-tax profits in the first quarter double from £24.9 million to £49 million. Operating profits shot ahead by £18.7 million to £66.3 million during the quarter, and the pre-tax figure was also helped by a £5.7 million reduction in interest payable following the flotation. Earnings per share advanced from 1.82p to 2.86p.

Chisholm: "strong growth"

The third-quarter advance meant pre-tax profits for the first nine months of BSkyB's financial year were ahead from £62.7 million to £104 million, while earnings per share were ahead from 4.57p to 6.38p.

Sam Chisholm, the chief executive and managing director, said: "Operating profits have risen substantially following the strong growth in subscribers in the pre-Christmas period."

Total paying subscribers reached 4.05 million on March 31, making a net increase in subscribers in the first quarter, historically a slow time of the year for new dish sales and cable connections, of 90,000, while over the nine-month period the total grew by 576,000.

Turnover for the nine months grew by 47 per cent to £565 million, 85 per cent of which came from subscriptions and 12 per cent from advertising revenue.

Pay settlements edge ahead in engineering

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

PAY settlements in engineering are edging up, industry leaders say today in a move that may indicate continuing inflationary pressures from rising wage deals.

Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, will meet on Friday to consider whether to raise interest rates after signs of rising inflation. Analysts are expecting a half-point rise in rates.

Though most inflation push is coming from commodity prices, especially imports, economists have been concerned about pay deals, though the evidence is conflicting. Government figures for rises in average earnings suggest some stability, but most independent pay analysts see signs of wages reflecting the jump in retail price inflation earlier this year.

In line with that, the latest figures on pay in a key sector of manufacturing industry indicate wage deals creeping upwards. The Engineering Employers Federation says that in the three months to the end of March, average settlements in the industry were just under 3 per cent. With the average overall for the three months at 2.98 per cent, the EEF says that in February the average was 3.35 per cent and in March 3.21 per cent.

TI faces complaint of overcharging in US

By Martin Waller

TI GROUP, the diversified engineer, has received a formal complaint from the US Department of Justice over alleged overcharging for work by a subsidiary carried out on aircraft for the US Air Force over the past decade.

The 36-page complaint has been filed in the US courts. It arises under so-called US "whistle-blower" legislation, which allows any party alleging overcharging on government contracts to receive part of any proceeds arising from an investigation. Jeffrey Thistlethwaite, a UK citizen and a former employee of TI's Dowty Woodville Polymer, bought when TI acquired the Dowty Group in 1992, has claimed a $20 million overcharge on the supply of wing slot seals to the F1-11 and B1-B programmes since 1984.

Tony Sumner, director of corporate affairs at TI, said: "We're still investigating what is an extremely complex complaint. Our view is that we've done some preliminary investigations. They have turned up no dishonest conduct by any employee."

TI says the alleged overcharging compares with a total value to the contracts being investigated of £29 million, and it is therefore hard to see how such an overcharge can arise.

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

SG Warburg soars after approach by Swiss bank

CITY speculators will today embark on one of the biggest gambles of their lives as the battle for control of **SG Warburg**, Britain's leading investment bank, gets under way.

Shares of SG Warburg closed 46p higher at 821p yesterday with **Mercury Asset Management**, its quoted offshoot, ending 69p higher at 861p. Market-makers will be going on the defensive first thing, widening the spread on their prices after the news that Swiss Bank Corporation had made an offer for the group's investment banking business.

Warburg said it was evaluating the approach, but emphasised that any offer from Swiss Bank would not include Mercury Asset Management and would not involve a full bid for Warburg.

This was not the news that the City speculators, who have been chasing Warburg shares higher in recent days, wanted to hear.

The announcement from Swiss Bank followed a day of high drama that saw reports in the US financial press claiming that Smith Barney, the Wall Street investment bank, was poised to make an offer for Warburg. It came as Warburg tried to contend with the loss of some key members of staff to rival Deutsche Bank.

Last night the speculators were pondering several scenarios that the battle for control of Warburg could take.

The first was that Swiss Bank succeeds with its bid for Warburg's banking arm paying about £500 million. This would leave Warburg with its corporate banking arm, a cash pile and a 75 per cent stake in MAM, worth about £1 billion, and might succeed in again whetting the appetite of Morgan Stanley, the US investment bank, that broke off talks with Warburg in December, after the directors of MAM said they objected to the terms of the deal.

Another scenario being bandied around the Square Mile claimed that Smith Barney, with the backing of its parent company Travelers, is ready to make a full bid for Warburg. Speculation was fuelled by the confirmation that representatives of both Smith Barney and Travelers were in London last night.

Later today those speculators will have to make up their minds whether, or not, to run with the Warburg shares, or cash in their chips. Whatever the scenario, this particular battlefield will be no place for the faint hearted.

The speculation at Warburg spilled over into the rest of the financial sector, with **Kleinwort Benson** adding 16p at 658p as the German Dresdner bank continued to be mentioned as a possible suitor. There were also gains for **Schroders**, 10p to £16.28, **M&G Group**, 5p to £11.33 and **Henderson Administration**, 8p to £11.23.

The rest of the equity market made the most of the dramatic revival in bid speculation with prices driven higher in thin trading. The FT-SE 100 index was pulled higher by an aggressive financial future where several traders attempted to cover short positions. It finished 27.8 up at 3,248.2, its highest closing level of the year. This followed a flurry of activity in the June series of the future at one stage touched 3,265. Retail business remained thin, however, with just 605 million shares traded by the close.

Thorn EMI stood out with a leap of 48p to £11.88 amid another flurry of speculation. This followed reports that Walt Disney had been having talks with Sir Colin Southgate, Thorn chairman, about buying the group's music division. Reports in the American financial press last week claimed that Walt Disney was ready to offer about £3 billion for the business.

The reports are being treated sceptically by brokers, who say its unlikely the music side of Thorn is up for sale.

Kwik Save, the discount food retailer, fell 8p to 563p as it stepped-up the price war. Kwik Save says it intends to cut the price of one-in-ten of its top brands by up to 15 per cent. Such a move is bound to increase already intense pressure on margins. The move appears to be designed to halt the erosion of the group's market share. Tomorrow the group unveils half-year figures, which are expected to show a decline in profitability. Meanwhile, **J Sainsbury** eased 2½p to 435p, and **Tesco** 3½p to 275p.

A profits warning left Anita Roddick's **Body Shop** 24p lower at 152½p with the City wondering if the days of high growth are now a thing of the past.

BSkyB marked time at 259p after publication of third-quarter figures — the first since the company was floated in London and New York. Pre-tax profits during the first nine months have leapt 65 per cent to £104 million as full paying subscribers topped the four million mark for the first time.

During the third quarter the group attracted a further 90,000 new subscribers, taking the total for the first nine months of the year to 576,000.

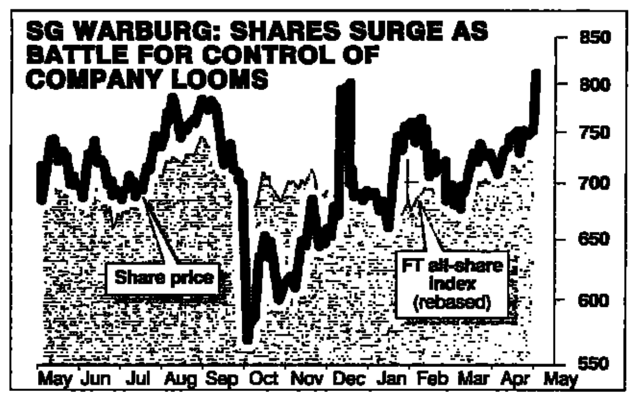
AAH marked time at 435p as the deadline for Gehe's £400 million bid expired. Whispers in the Square Mile claim the German group is likely to win the day after raising its offer to 535p a share. At the last count Gehe had 30 per cent of the shares. But victory is likely to hinge on the Germans convincing Phillips & Drew Fund Management with 17 per cent of the equity accepting the terms.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Prices recovered from a hesitant start as European bond markets returned from the May Day celebrations. In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt finished a tick firmer at £103$^{19}/_{32}$ as just 28,000 contracts were traded. In the cash market, benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2013 advanced £$^{3}/_{16}$ to £96$^{23}/_{32}$, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £$^{1}/_{32}$ better at £98$^{9}/_{16}$.

☐ **WALL STREET**: Worries over inflation and a decline in car sales helped to becalm morning trading. At midday the Dow Jones industrial averages was up 0.69 of a point at 4,316.78.

Kwik-Save stepped up the supermarket price war

News that all businesses of Select Appointments, the employment agency, had been trading at better than expected levels during the first quarter prompted Granville, Select's broker, to increase its current pre-tax profit forecast from £8.2 million to £9.5 million. The shares rose 1p to 13½p.



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S&P Composite	513.84 (-0.42)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	17088.66 (+277.20)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	8212.11 (-13.93)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	422.50 (+2.08)
Sydney:	
AO	2026.3 (-13.3)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2035.92 (+19.98)
Singapore:	
Straits	2070.51 (-0.76)
Brussels:	
General	7426.23 (+38.20)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1936.85 (+18.39)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	607.20 (+6.00)
London:	
FT 30	2469.1 (+19.9)
FT 100	3248.2 (+27.8)
FT-SE Mid 250	3542.8 (+13.5)
FT-SE-A 350	1611.8 (+12.1)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1321.94 (+4.53)
FT A All-Share	1591.88 (+11.62)
FT Non Financials	1718.86 (+11.15)
FT Fixed Interest	110.71 (-0.20)
FT Govt Secs	91.88 (+0.08)
Bargains	25660
SEAQ Volume	688.0m
USM (Datastrm)	151.07 (+0.39)
US$	1.6125 (-0.0032)
German Mark	2.2164 (-0.0314)
Exchange Index	84.4 (-0.7)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2047
£:SDR	1.0276
RPI	147.5 Mar (3.5%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Biocomp Intl (170)	171	...
Brit Aero Cap Uts p/p	726	-2
Coral Products (60)	63	...
Dumyat IT An Div	105	+2
Dumyat IT Month Div	105	+2
Edinburgh Japan Tst C	102	+1
Finsbury World Tst	100	...
For/Col Spec Uts (100)	100	...
General Cable (190)	174	-2½
Ivory/Sime Disc Uts	480	...
Natl Power (p/p) (476)	181½	+1½
Precoat Intl (125)	128	...
Rainford (270)	316	+3
Schroder Gth Fund	105	+1
Schroder Gth Wts	27	+1
Scot Orient Smr (100)	100	...
Vision Group (97)	140	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Bolton Group n/p (23)	¼pm	...
Roskel n/p (92)	11pm	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Barclays	652p (+12p)
Kleinwort Benson	658p (+16p)
Lloyds	654p (+12p)
Redland	421p (+11p)
Laporte	711p (+10p)
Abbey National	471p (+7p)
Nat West	549p (+7p)
Royal Bnk Scot	423p (+9p)
Bass	557p (+8p)
Andrews Sykes	173p (+8p)
Bett Bros	175p (+7p)
Courtaulds	455p (+7p)
Hickson	141p (+8p)
Charter	825p (+20p)
Amstrad	208p (+7p)
Land Sec	569p (+12p)
Brake Bros	567p (+17p)
FALLS:	
ICI	749p (-5p)
Porvair	350p (-5p)
Scotia	416p (-7p)
Mitel	278p (-15p)
Broken Hill	898p (-7p)
CML Micro	151p (-16p)
Danka Bs Sys	373p (-12p)

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TEMPUS

Body imperfect

ANITA and Gordon Roddick, bosses of Body Shop, must feel in need of a long hot soak in a bath saturated with one of their company's potions. Yesterday, they admitted that the group lacked vital management skills. Plugging the gap, together with other costs, will add £13 million to overheads this year. The problems are a by-product of the group's swift expansion — last year alone, it opened 157 new stores. As a result, Body Shop has outgrown its management structure.

The cracks are most obvious in the US, where the group has 235 stores, nearly a fifth of the total. The 65 openings last year helped lift sales 7 per cent, but disguised a 3 per cent decline in like-for-like sales. Since then, the picture has deteriorated, with like-for-like sales down 8 per cent. While this reflects tough trading conditions and a lack of distinction between Body Shop and its rivals, it also reflects inadequate marketing resources to maintain the sales momentum of the older stores.

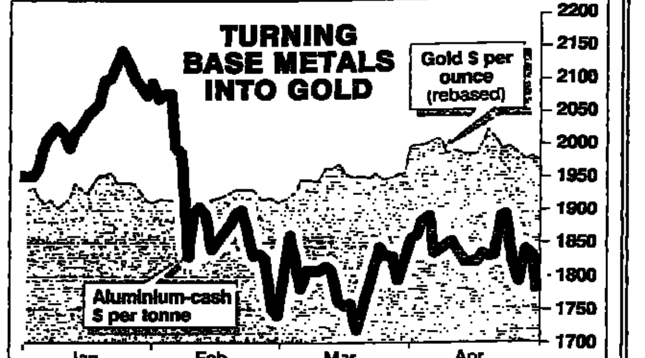
Beefing up the creative team will help the group fight off copy-cat companies but Body Shop also needs to find a way of selling its message in America. The key issue is whether the company can effectively develop and manage its brand name — an outcome that partly rests in the hands of people yet to be recruited. Generating the additional sales to justify the increased overhead will not be easy. With markedly reduced profit forecasts for the current year, the shares are trading on a prospective p/e of about 13 times. That looks dear for a stock that has little short-term upside and faces a struggle to regain its growth track in the longer term.

Aluminium

HEDGE funds continue to pull their money out of base metals, spurred on by fears that last year's agreement to limit aluminium production will soon begin to unwind. At the same time, gold has been gently trending upwards.

The memorandum of understanding between the EU, Australia, Canada, Norway and Russia always had an unsavoury likeness to a cartel with governments dressing up a private deal between aluminium producing companies. The combined effect of the MOU and strong demand for metal has caused LME stocks to plunge below 1 million tonnes and there are already signs that producers bringing mothballed capacity back on stream.

Investors are taking fright: the strong yen and mark have spoiled the scenario of Japanese and German growth taking over as American growth slows, and aluminium has slumped. Base metals have lost 15 per cent of their value since January and Ord Minett, the broker, reckons they could lose another 15 per cent, with prices drifting until late 1997. That leaves the hedge funds looking for a home. Soaring crude oil prices offer one solution but the steady rise in gold since the base metal collapse in January can hardly be coincidental. Gold has lost some lustre with low inflation and central bank sales but money fleeing emerging markets has helped and alchemy from the hedge funds may give it a further boost.



TURNING BASE METALS INTO GOLD

Compass

WHILE the jury is still out in the stock market over Compass's $450 million mega-purchase of Canteen in the US a year ago, the purchase of FLIK International shows how the business can be improved.

Compass's intention, having taken such a huge stand in US catering, is to ensure a presence in all sectors of the market, and FLIK takes it right to the top level.

The business bought is the equivalent of Compass's existing Roux Fine Dining offshoot, whose menus will be well known to employees of Kleinwort Benson and Morgan Stanley. FLIK provides, among others, Price Waterhouse in New York and Bear Sterns with the sort of dining that one had assumed went out with Gordon Gekko's famous quip "lunch is for wimps", but which is apparently still in vogue. The company has an 85-strong client list on Wall Street, Boston and Connecticut. Consolidation in catering worldwide is inevitably limited by the reducing number of available businesses. Progress from Canteen, regarded as a significant risk when Compass went in but looking less so after the expensive sale of Gardner Merchant, will be on view with the interim figures in a fortnight. For now the shares sell on 15 times this year's forecast earnings of £72 million pre-tax, a justified premium to the market and one which reflects expectations of eventual outperformance.

Kwik Save

JUST when retail analysts were confidently declaring that the supermarket price war was over, Kwik Save opens up with a new salvo. The group's latest summer initiative bears an uncanny similarity with last year's, when it also cut the prices of one in ten of its items by up to 15 per cent. A cynic might conclude that the cost-conscious Kwik Save was now even recycling its press releases. But this year the cuts at Kwik Save seem to go deeper than before. Many of the cuts are on leading items, such as Le Piat D'Or wine and Del Monte tinned pineapple chunks, rather than on more obscure lines. Last year's initiative is thought to have cut turnover by less than 0.5 per cent, this year's may be nearer twice that.

Kwik Save's initiative yesterday may have been partly inspired to draw attention away from the poor figures that it is expected to announce tomorrow. It is also a reflection of the current travails in the discount sector, which is no longer capturing market share off the mainstream supermarket groups. This year, the competitive battle has moved onto discount cards, for which Kwik Save does not have the technology to compete.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	949-948	Jul	1064-1061
Jul	976-975	Sep	1075-1072
Sep	995-994	Dec	1098-1090
Dec	1022-1020	Mar	1112-1107
Mar	1043-1042		
May	1053-1051		Volume: 1802

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	3055-3054	Jan	3042-3040
Jul	3093-3091	Mar	3010-3005
Sep	3070-3068	May	3000-2995
Nov	3060-3053		Volume: 3224

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	297.0-95.1
Spot: 359.0		May	296.9-94.6
Aug	334.5-33.5	Aug	297.3-94.3
Oct	304.5-03.5	Oct	284.3-81.1
Dec	297.9-96.5		Volume: 497

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 1

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	93.20	120.50	121.57
(+/-)	+0.44	-12.05	-1.04
Eng/Wales:	93.30	120.87	121.45
(+/-)	+0.37	-12.38	-0.84
(%)	+1.0	-5.0	-2.0
Scotland:	93.22	112.96	122.99
(+/-)	+2.99	-8.54	-2.93
(%)	-2.0	-27.0	-15.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.90	-0.45
Brent 15 day (Jun)	19.00	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.55	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.35	-0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	20.10	-0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 205 (+1)	O: 207 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	161 (+1)	162 (-1)
Non EEC 1H May	159 (-2)	161 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Jun	158 (-1)	160 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	106 (+1)	108 (+1)
Naphtha	173 (-1)	175 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

May	158.00-58.25	Aug	158.00-58.25
Jun	157.25-57.50	Sep	159.25-59.50
Jul	157.00-57.25		Vol: 17597

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	19.00-19.01	Sep	17.90-17.94
Jul	18.54-18.56	Oct	17.73-17.80
Aug	18.18-18.23		Vol: 29497

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	118.15	May	111.80
Jul	119.45	Sep	103.35
Sep	104.00	Nov	105.00
Nov	105.10	Jan	106.50
Jan	107.15	Mar	108.75
Volume: 484		Volume: 16	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
May	255.0	292.5
Apr	131.0	126.5
May	unq	149.0
		Volume: 45

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Jun 117.50-118.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 95	2330	2315	2320
Jun 95	2230	2205	2205
Jul 95	2050	2020	2020
Oct 95	1960	1930	1930
Vol: 214 lots		Open interest: 4241	
	Index 2351 -1		

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)			Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	Cash: 2750.0-2752.0	3mth: 2721.0-2722.0	Vol: 1288325
Lead ($/tonne)	595.00-596.00	608.50-609.00	223625
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1058.0-1059.0	1080.0-1080.5	575675
Tin ($/tonne)	5815.0-5820.0	5825.0-5830.0	23730
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1756.5-1757.0	1732.0-1733.0	1729775
Nickel ($/tonne)	6710.0-6715.0	6845.0-6850.0	80640

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Dom.	550	16	25½	34	23½	29½	36
(*551)	600	3½	9	16	63½	65	69½
Argyll	280	17½	23	27½	9½	13½	17
(*290)	300	7	13½	18½	21½	25	28
ASDA	80	5	6½	8½	4	5	6½
(*80½)	90	1½	3	4½	10½	11½	12
Boots	500	31	40½	46	10	14½	18½
(*524)	550	6	16	21½	39½	42½	45
Br Airways	390	24	31½	38½	12	18	22
(*402½)	420	9	18	24½	30	34½	38
BP	420	40	47½	54½	3½	8	10½
(*450)	460	14	23	31	17½	23½	26
Br Steel	160	13½	16½	18½	4	6½	7½
(*169½)	190	3½	7	9	15½	17½	18½
C & W	390	30	39	46½	9½	14	18
(*410½)	420	13½	23½	31	24½	28½	32½
CU	550	37	46½	58	13	22½	28½
(*567½)	600	12½	23	34½	40	50	55½
ICI	700	64	73½	87	6	15	18½
(*749)	750	29	42	57	22	34½	38½
Kingfishr.	420	48	57½	65½	5	11	15½
(*458½)	460	21	32½	42	18½	26½	31½
Land Sec..	550	27	33½	39	15	19½	22½
(*569)	600	4½	12½	18	51	52½	54
M & S	420	17	27	34	12	18	19½
(*427½)	460	3	10½	16½	40	43	43½
Nat West	500	59	66½	76	4½	11	14½
(*548½)	550	24½	35½	46	19½	30	34
Sainsbury	420	22	32	39	9½	13½	17½
(*436)	460	4½	13	20½	34	36½	39½
Shell	750	25	40	49	16	26	30
(*751)	800	6½	18	26½	50	56	59
Smid Bch.	460	42	50½	59	4½	12	16
(*494½)	500	17½	27	36½	19½	28½	33
Storehse	240	15	21½	25	8	10	12
(*247)	260	5	10½	15½	19½	21	22½
Trafalgar	50	8	10½	11½	1½	3	4
(*56)	60	3	5	7	6	7½	9½
Unilever.	1200	58½	88	105	17	27	33½
(*1227½)	1250	29½	58½	75	39½	49	54½
Zeneca	900	44½	59½	79½	23	34½	46
(*908½)	950	21	36	55½	50½	61	72
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Grnd Met.	390	13	22½	31	3	12½	16
(*399½)	420	1	9	16½	21	29½	32½
Ladbroke..	180	5	13	16½	3	8½	11
(*181½)	200	0	5	8	18½	31	23
Utd Bisc	330	20½	32	39	1	7	12
(*348½)	360	3	15	23	14	20	26½

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
BAA	460	28	36½	44	9½	14	18
(*477)	500	8½	17½	24½	32	35	38½
Thames W	460	29	33	37½	13½	19	24½
(*480)	500	8	14½	19½	39½	43	47½
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAT Ind	460	20	36	42	3½	17	21½
(*476½)	500	1½	15½	23	25½	39	43
BTR	300	27½	35	39	0	3	7
(*327)	330	3½	15	20	7	13	19
Br Aero	531	21½	—	—	6½	—	—
(*546)	580	2½	—	—	35½	—	—
Br Telcm	390	11	22	26½	2½	14½	17½
(*398½)	420	0	8	13	21½	33	35½
Cadbury	447	7½	24½	—	7½	15	—
(*447½)	486	0	9	—	38½	40½	—
Guinness	460	14	30	37	3½	12½	18
(*469½)	500	1	11	18	30½	35	39
GEC	300	6½	14	17½	3½	13½	15
(*302½)	330	0	3	6½	27½	35½	36
Hanson	220	18½	21	23½	0	3	5½
(*238)	240	3	8½	12½	4½	10½	14½
LASMO	160	16½	22	26½	0	3	5½
(*176)	180	3	9½	15	6	10½	12½
Lucas	180	14	21	25	0½	5	8½
(*193)	200	2	10	14½	8½	13½	18½
Pilkingtn.	160	20	22	25½	0	2	3½
(*179½)	180	4	8½	13	4½	9½	11½
Prudential	300	20	29	34	0½	4½	9
(*318½)	330	2	12	17½	13	17½	22
Redland	390	31	45	51½	0	6½	12
(*419½)	420	8	26½	33½	6½	17½	24
R-Royce	160	16½	22½	24½	0	3	5½
(*176)	180	3	11	13	6	10½	14
Tesco	260	15½	23	28	0½	4½	7½
(*274½)	280	2	10½	16½	8	12½	16
Vodafone	180	18½	22	28½	0	3½	6½
(*197½)	200	4	11	17	5½	11½	14½
Williams	330	6½	18	21½	5	11½	17
(*330½)	360	0	6½	9½	29½	31	35½

FT-SE INDEX (*3347½)

	3100	3150	3200	3250	3300	3350
Calls						
May	157	110	67	34	14	5
Jun	167½	126½	91	61	38	21½
Jul	190½	153½	120½	90½	66½	46
Aug	207	169½	137	106	81½	58½
Dec	268	—	207½	—	152½	—
Puts						
May	2½	6	14½	32	62	104
Jun	12	20½	34	54½	82	117
Jul	24½	37½	53½	74	101½	132
Aug	35	47½	64½	84	110	139
Dec	71½	—	107½	—	154	—

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat..	460	22½	33	42	7½	16	20
(*470½)	500	5½	14	25	32	38½	41
Amstrad	200	14½	20	26½	4	8	11
(*208)	220	5	10½	16½	15	18½	21
Barclays	650	23½	39½	52½	16	29½	36½
(*652)	700	6	18½	30½	49½	60	65
Blue Circ	290	15½	25	30½	6	12½	16½
(*287½)	300	6½	14½	20½	17	22½	26½
Br Gas	300	11	17½	22	6½	11	15½
(*310)	330	1	5½	10	29½	31	34
Dixons	240	10	14	19	8½	15½	17
(*240½)	260	3	6½	10½	22	28½	29½
Forte	220	12½	19	22½	3	6	8½
(*227)	240	3½	9	13	14	16½	19
Hillsdown	180	10	16	20	3	5½	7½
(*186½)	200	1½	6	10½	14½	16½	19
Lonrho	160	10	14½	18	4	9	9½
(*165)	180	3	6	9	16	19½	20½
Sears	100	8	9	11	1	2	3½
(*107½)	110	2	4	6½	6½	6	8½
Thrn Emi	1150	59½	74½	88½	14½	32	39½
(*1187½)	1200	29½	47½	62½	33½	57½	64
Tomkins	220	21½	25	29	1½	5½	8
(*238½)	240	8	13	17½	8	14	17
TSB	240	19½	26	30	4½	9½	11½
(*253)	260	9½	15½	20	13½	19½	21
Wellcome	1000	67½	73	—	0½	1½	—
(*1066)	1050	21½	30½	—	4	11½	—
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo Well	700	53½	68½	78	11½	27½	35
(*733)	750	24½	40	51½	33	52½	60
HSBC	700	61	77½	99½	18	32	40½
(*733½)	750	33	50½	69½	40	55	64
Reuter	460	29½	41	51	12½	18½	23
(*471½)	500	11	21½	31½	35	39½	43½
	Series	May	Jul	Oct	May	Jul	Oct
Royal Ins	300	14½	23½	29	2	9	14½
(*311½)	330	1½	9½	14½	19	24½	30½
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Fisons	180	13½	22	26½	6	10	13
(*186)	200	5½	13	17½	17½	21	23½
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastern Gp	600	40	55	69	1	30½	29
(*637½)	650	7	27	44	18½	46½	54½
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	420	37½	41	48½	4	9	12
(*454)	460	9	18½	27½	22½	28	30½
Scot Pwr	330	15½	22½	28½	7	16½	19
(*336½)	360	4	9	15½	25½	35	37

May 2, 1995 Tot: 19093 Call: 9651 Put: 9442 FT-SE Call: 3344 Put: 2831

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 72495	Jun 95	3230.0	3267.0	3227.0	3258.0	10910
	Sep 95	3281.0	3281.0	3281.0	3291.5	24
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 4060	Jun 95	3555.0	3557.0	3555.0	3565.0	35
	Sep 95					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 388687	Jun 95	92.76	92.81	92.76	92.79	15449
	Sep 95	92.25	92.30	92.23	92.29	14015
	Dec 95	91.95	91.99	91.92	91.98	7406
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 1184	Jun 95				93.72	0
	Sep 95				93.55	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 682704	Jun 95	95.38	95.44	95.37	95.42	9955
	Sep 95	95.20	95.27	95.19	95.25	17611
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 80911	Jun 95	103-15	103-24	103-10	103-19	27890
	Sep 95	103-04	103-04	103-04	103-07	1
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 95	116.25	116.55	116.19	116.55	2305
	Sep 95	115.37	115.53	115.35	115.66	956
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 173598	Jun 95	92.86	92.90	92.73	92.77	55165
	Sep 95	92.32	92.32	92.20	92.31	280
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 19041	Jun 95	93.52	93.54	93.50	93.52	1246
	Sep 95	93.46	93.47	93.44	93.46	334
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 43662	Jun 95	96.53	96.56	96.53	96.55	1669
	Sep 95	96.43	96.45	96.42	96.43	877
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 41548	Jun 95	96.10	96.36	95.77	96.24	31476
	Sep 95	95.40	95.50	95.40	95.59	50

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5½ Low 4½ Week fixed: 5$^{11}/_{16}$

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6$^{7}/_{16}$; 3 mth 6½ . Sell: 2 mth 6$^{7}/_{16}$, 3 mth: 6½ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6$^{11}/_{32}$-6$^{5}/_{16}$	6½-6⅜	6$^{11}/_{16}$-6$^{17}/_{32}$	6$^{15}/_{16}$-6$^{13}/_{16}$	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅝-6½	6$^{13}/_{16}$-6$^{11}/_{16}$	7$^{1}/_{16}$-6$^{15}/_{16}$	7½-7⅜	7$^{15}/_{16}$-7$^{13}/_{16}$
Interbank:	6⅝-6½	6$^{13}/_{16}$-6$^{11}/_{16}$	7$^{1}/_{16}$-6$^{15}/_{16}$	7½-7⅜	7$^{15}/_{16}$-7$^{13}/_{16}$

Overnight: open 5½, close 4½ .

Local Authority Deps:	6½	n/a	6$^{15}/_{16}$	7½	7¾
Sterling CDs:	6½-6⅜	6$^{3}/_{4}$-6$^{11}/_{16}$	7-6$^{15}/_{16}$	7$^{7}/_{16}$-7⅜	7¾-7$^{11}/_{16}$
Dollar CDs:	6.09	n/a	6.11	6.29	6.66
Building Society CDs:	6½-6⅜	6$^{11}/_{16}$-6⅝	7$^{1}/_{16}$-6$^{15}/_{16}$	7½-7$^{7}/_{16}$	7$^{13}/_{16}$-7¾

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87%. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5⅞	6$^{1}/_{16}$-5$^{15}/_{16}$	6$^{1}/_{16}$-5$^{15}/_{16}$	6⅜-6¼	5¼-4¾
Deutschemark:	4½-4⅜	4$^{9}/_{16}$-4$^{7}/_{16}$	4$^{9}/_{16}$-4$^{7}/_{16}$	4⅝-4½	5-4
French Franc:	8-7½	8⅛-8	8⅛-8	7$^{15}/_{16}$-7$^{13}/_{16}$	8⅛-6⅛
Swiss Franc:	3$^{7}/_{16}$-3$^{5}/_{16}$	3$^{7}/_{16}$-3$^{5}/_{16}$	3½-3⅜	3$^{7}/_{16}$-3$^{5}/_{16}$	3½-2½
Yen:	1¼-1⅛	1$^{5}/_{16}$-1$^{3}/_{16}$	1$^{5}/_{16}$-1$^{3}/_{16}$	1$^{5}/_{16}$-1$^{3}/_{16}$	1½-¾

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $387.90-388.30 Close: $388.50-389.00 High: $389.70-390.30 Low: $387.55-387.95 AM: $388.35 PM: $388.55

Krugerrand: $391.00-393.00 (£242.00-244.00)

Platinum: $446.25 (£276.05) **Silver:** $5.89 (£3.645) **Palladium:** $162.90 (£100.80)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 2	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4838-2.5107	2.4876-2.4908	⅝-½pr	1¾-1½pr
Brussels	45.700-46.280	45.810-45.920	9-4pr	23-15pr
Copenhagen	8.7300-8.8200	8.7400-8.7540	⅝-⅛pr	1-¼pr
Dublin	0.9830-0.9965	0.9835-0.9861	3pr-par	4pr-1ds
Frankfurt	2.2194-2.2428	2.2216-2.2247	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1½pr
Lisbon	234.76-237.60	235.17-235.81	62-71ds	195-214ds
Madrid	198.18-199.90	198.34-198.64	34-44ds	112-129ds
Milan	2681.00-2690.90	2681.00-2690.90	7-9ds	23-26ds
Montreal	2.1846-2.1945	2.1874-2.1905	0.14-0.25ds	0.26-0.40ds
New York	1.6106-1.6174	1.6122-1.6132	0.11-0.09pr	0.34-0.30pr
Oslo	10.0100-10.0910	10.0250-10.0400	1⅛-⅛pr	4⅛-3⅛pr
Paris	7.9210-8.0130	7.9330-7.9470	1-1½ds	2½-2¼ds
Stockholm	11.7070-11.8050	11.7670-11.7920	1½-2½ds	4½-6¼ds
Tokyo	134.08-135.07	134.76-135.01	⅝-⅛pr	2-1⅝pr
Vienna	15.60-15.81	15.62-15.69	3½-2½pr	10½-7½pr
Zurich	1.8286-1.8493	1.8292-1.8320	⅝-⅛pr	1½-1⅛pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3732-1.3741
Austria	9.69-9.70
Belgium (Com)	28.41-28.42
Canada	1.3566-1.3571
Denmark	5.4174-5.4194
France	4.9239-4.9260
Germany	1.3765-1.3775
Hong Kong	7.7327-7.7337
Ireland	1.6432-1.6442
Italy	1667.0-1668.0
Japan	83.38-83.47
Malaysia	2.4645-2.4655
Netherlands	1.5418-1.5423
Norway	6.2094-6.2114
Portugal	145.85-145.95
Singapore	1.3892-1.3902
Spain	123.01-123.11
Sweden	7.2687-7.2762
Switzerland	1.1335-1.1345

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6148-1.6175
Australia dollar	2.2157-2.2186
Bahrain dinar	0.6025-0.6145
Brazil real*	1.4856-1.4898
China yuan	13.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.703-0.713
Finland markka	6.840-6.956
Greece drachma	362.00-369.00
Hong Kong dollar	12.4837-12.4892
India rupee	50.24-51.20
Indonesia rupiah	3571.00-3639.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4685-0.4785
Malaysia ringgit	3.9787-3.9815
New Zealand dollar	2.3910-2.3935
Pakistan rupee	49.68 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9925-6.1185
Singapore dollar	2.2427-2.2450
S Africa rand (com)	5.8499-5.8690
U A E dirham	5.8675-5.9915

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FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	329	Legal & Gn	1,400
ASDA Gp	10,000	Lloyds Bk	1,600
Abbey Natl	1,700	MEPC	1,300
Alld Dom	1,600	Marks Spr	4,000
Argyll Gp	4,400	NatWst Bk	2,600
Arjo Wiggn	2,100	Nat Power	837
AB Foods	1,600	Nth Wst W	1,600
BAA	1,300	P & O	1,200
BAT Inds	5,100	Pearson	2,000
BOC	1,700	PowerGen	861
BP	7,200	Prudential	3,400
BTR	7,500	RMC	148
BT	10,000	RTZ	1,000
Bk of Scot	2,300	Rank Org	2,200
Barclays	2,600	Reckitt Col	312
Bass	561	Redland	2,200
Blue Circle	2,900	Reed Intl	3,100
Boots	1,800	Rentokil	2,300
Bowater	1,100	Reuters	4,600
Brit Aero	2,600	Rolls Royce	9,300
Brit Airwys	3,100	Ryl Ins	3,400
Brit Gas	6,500	Ryl Bk Scot	697
Brit Steel	9,400	Sainsbury	1,000
Burmah Cstl	600	Schroders	126
Cable Wire	5,000	Scot & New	437
Cadbury	2,500	Scot Power	206
Caradon	2,500	Sears	1,600
Carlton Cms	224	Svrn Trent	418
Cm Union	1,900	Shell Trans	3,400
Courtaulds	1,900	Siebe	720
De La Rue	1,700	SmKl Bch	2,200
Eastern Elec	371	Smith Nph	1,400
Enterpr Oil	4,100	Sthern Elec	531
Forte	2,600	Std Chartd	1,500
GKN	593	Sun Allnce	2,300
GRE	694	TI Gp	1,100
GUS	5,800	TSB	1,700
Gen Acc	946	Tate & Lyle	1,900
Gen Elec	7,200	Tesco	8,700
Glaxo	2,800	Thames W	828
Granada	736	Thrn EMI	3,700
Grand Met	3,100	Tomkins	6,300
Guinness	4,400	Unilever	837
HSBC	3,000	Utd Bisc	2,300
Hanson	10,000	Vodafone	2,400
ICI	3,600	Warburg	3,600
Inchcape	2,100	Whitbread	882
Kingfisher	3,000	Wlms Hld	2,200
Ladbroke	4,200	Wolseley	995
Land Secs	4,500	Zeneca	838

WALL STREET

	May 2 midday	May 1 close
AMP Inc	42	42¼
AMR Corp	65½	67
AT & T	50¼	50¼
Abbott Labs	39¼	39½
Advanced Micro	34½	35¼
Aetna Life	56¼	56½
Ahmanson (HF)	21	21¼
Air Prod & Chem	50¼	50½
Albertson's	31½	31½
Alcan Alumnm	27¼	28¼
Alco Standard	70	69¼
Allied Signal	39	39½
Alum Co of Am	44¼	44½
Amax Gold Inc	5½	5¼
Amerada Hess	52½	52½
Amer Brands	39½	40½
Amer El Power	32½	32½
Amer Express	34½	34¼
Amer Genl Corp	32½	32½
Amer Home Pr	76¼	76¼
Amer Intl	105¼	106¼
Amer Stores	26	26
Ameritech	45¼	45¼
Amoco	66¼	67¼
Anheuser-Busch	58½	58½
Apple Computer	37¼	38¼
Archer Daniels	18½	18½
Armco	7¼	7¼
Armstrng Wrld	45¼	45¼
Asarco	26½	26
Ashland Oil	37½	37½
Atl Richfield	116½	117½
Auto Data Pro	63½	63½
Avery Dennison	41½	41½
Avon Products	62½	63½
Baker Hughes	22½	23½
Baltim Gas & El	23½	23½
Banc One	29½	29½
BankAmerica	49	49½
Bank of NY	32½	32½
Bankers Tr NY	54½	54
Barnett Banks	46½	46
Bausch & Lomb	39½	39
Baxter Intl	34	34½
Becton Dickinsn	57	56½
Bell Atlantic	54½	54½
Bell Industries	20½	20½
BellSouth	61¼	61½
Black & Decker	30½	30½
Block (H&R)	42½	42
Boeing	55½	55
Boise Cascade	32½	32½
Bristol Myrs Sq	64½	65
Browning Ferris	33½	33½
Brunswick	21½	21½
Burlington Nthn	59½	60½
CBS	63½	64½
CNA Financial	77	77
CPC Intl	58½	58½
CSX	78½	79½
Campbell Soup	49½	50
Can Pacific	15½	15½
Cptl Cities ABC	87½	83½
Carolina Pwr	27½	27½
Caterpillar	56½	57½
Central & SW	24	24½
Champion Intl	43½	43½
Chase Manhat	43½	43½
Chemical Bk	41½	41½
Chevron Corp	49½	48½
Chrysler	41½	42½
Chubb Corp	79½	80½
Cigna Corp	71½	71½
Citicorp	46½	46½
Clorox	57½	58½
Coastal Corp	31½	30½
Coca Cola	57½	57½
Colgate-Palmolive	68½	69½
Columbia Gas	29½	29½
Compaq Comp	37½	37½
Comp Ass Intl	67½	63½
Conagra	33½	32½
Conrail	53½	54½
Cons Edison	27½	27½
Cons Nat Gas	38½	39½
Cooper Inds	39½	39½
Corning Inc	33½	34½
Crown Cork	41½	42½
Dana Corp	25½	25½
Dayton Hudson	66½	66½
Deere	82½	82½
Delta Air Lines	63½	65
Deluxe Corp	30½	30½
Detroit Edison	27½	28½
Digital Equip	44½	44½
Dillard Dept St	25½	25½
Disney (Walt)	54	54
Dominion Res	36½	36½
Donelley (RR)	33½	33
Dover Corp	66½	66
Dow Chemical	69	69½
Dow Jones	35	34½
Dresser	22½	22½
Duke Power	40½	39½
Dun & Bradstreet	52½	52
Du Pont	66½	66½
Eastman Kodak	57	56½
Eaton Corp	57	58
Emerson Elec	68½	67½
Engelhard Corp	38½	38½

	May 2 midday	May 1 close
Enron Corp	34½	34½
Entergy	21½	21½
Ethyl Corp	10½	10½
Exxon	71	70½
FMC Corp	61½	61½
FPL Group	37	36½
Federal Express	67½	67½
Fed Nat Mtge	87½	87½
First Chicago	55½	55½
First Interstate	78½	79
First Union Rlty	7½	7½
Fleet Finl Grp	32½	32½
Fluor Corp	52½	51½
Ford Motor	26½	27
GTE Corp	33½	34
Gannett	53	52½
Gap Inc Del	31	31½
Gen Dynamics	45½	46
Gen Electric	56½	56½
Gen Mills	61½	61½
Gen Motors	44½	45½
Gen Reinsurance	127	125½
Gen Signal	37½	37½
Genuine Parts	38½	38½
Georgia Pac	80½	79½
Gillette	80½	81½
Glaxo ADR	23½	23½
Goodrich (BF)	46½	46½
Goodyear Tire	37½	38½
Grace (W&R)	52	52½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25½	25½
Great Wstn Fin	20½	20½
Halliburton	38½	39
Harcourt General	40½	41
Heinz (HJ)	41½	41½
Hercules	50½	50½
Hershey Foods	51½	52½
Hewlett Packard	63½	64½
Hilton Hotels	77½	76½
Home Depot	41½	41½
Homestake Mng	17	17
Honeywell	38½	38½
Household Intl	46½	46½
Houston Inds	39½	39½
Humana	20½	20
ITT Corp	104½	104½
Illinois Tool	50½	50½
Illinova	22½	22½
INCO	25	25½
Ingersoll Rand	35½	35½
Inland Steel	26	26
Intel Corp	107½	104½
IBM	93½	92½
Intl Flav & Fr	50½	50½
Intl Paper	77½	77½
James River Va	26½	27
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	64½	64½
Kellogg	62½	62½
Kerr-McGee	54½	53½
Kimberly-Clark	56½	56½
Kmart	13½	13½
Knight-Ridder	53½	53½
Lilly (Eli)	74½	74½
Limited Inc	21	21½
LIN Brdcstng	123½	123½
Lincoln Nat	40½	40½
Litton	35½	35½
Liz Claiborne	18	18½
Lockheed Martin	57½	57½
Louisiana Pac	25½	25½
MCI Comm	21	20½
Marriott Int	36	36½
Marsh & McLnn	77½	77½
Masco Corp	26½	25½
May Dept St	35½	35½
Maytag Corp	17½	17½
McDonalds	35	35½
McDonnell D	62½	62½
McGraw Hill	74½	74½
Mead Corp	51½	51½
Medtronic	73½	73½
Mellon Bk	39½	39½
Melville Corp	35½	35½
Merck Inc	42½	43½
Merrill Lynch	43½	44½
Minnesota Mine	58½	59½
Mobil Corp	98½	98½
Monsanto	82½	83½
Morgan (JP)	65½	65½
Motorola Inc	56½	56½
Natl Semi	23	23½
Natl Service Ind	27½	27½
Navistar Intl	13½	14
NBD Bancorp	30½	30½
NY Times A	22½	23½
Newmont Mng	42½	42½
Niag Mohawk	13½	14
Nike B	76½	76½
NL Industries	14½	14½
Noram Energy	6½	6
Nordstrom	36½	37½
Norfolk Sthrn	65½	66
Nthn State Pwr	45½	45½
Norwest Corp	25½	25½
Nynex Corp	41	40½
Occidental Pet	24	23½
Ohio Edison	20	19½
Oracle Systems	30	30½
Oryx Energy Co	14½	14½
Owens Corning	36½	37½

	May 2 midday	May 1 close
PPG Industries	39½	39½
PNC Bank	25½	25½
Paccar Inc	45½	45½
Pacificorp	18½	18½
Pac Enterprises	24½	24½
Pac Gas & Elect	26½	26½
Pac Telesis	30½	30½
Pall Corp	23½	24
Panhandle East	23½	23½
Parker Hannifin	52½	52½
Peco Energy	25½	25½
Penney (JC)	42½	42½
Pennzoil	50½	50½
Pepsico	43	42
Pfizer	85½	84½
Phelps Dodge	56½	56½
Philip Morris	69½	69½
Phillips Pet	35½	35½
Pitney Bowes	36½	37½
Polaroid	33½	33½
PriceCostco	14½	14½
Procter & Gmbl	69½	69½
Providian	34½	33½
Pub Serv E & G	27½	27½
Quaker Oats	36½	36½
Ralston Purina	48½	48½
Raychem Corp	35½	35½
Raytheon	72½	72½
Reebok Intl	31½	31½
Reynolds Metals	49½	49½
Roadway Srvcs	47	47½
Rockwell Intl	44½	44½
Rohm & Haas	59	59
Royal Dutch	126½	125½
Rubbermaid	28½	29½
Safeco Corp	57½	57½
St Paul's Cos	48½	48½
Salomon Inc	36½	36½
Santa Fe Pac	23½	23½
Sara Lee Corp	26½	26½
Scecorp	16½	16½
Schering Plough	74½	74½
Schlumberger	64½	64½
Scott Paper	89½	89½
Seagram	27½	27
Sears Roebuck	53½	53½
Shell Trans	72½	72½
Sherwin Wlms	36½	36½
Skyline Corp	17½	17½
Snap-On-Tools	36½	36½
Southern Co	20½	20½
Sthwestern Bell	44½	44½
Sprint Corp	32½	32½
Stanley Works	40	40
Sun Company	31½	32
Sun Microsys	39½	39½
Suntrust	54½	54½
Supervalu	26½	26½
Sysco Corp	27½	27½
TRW Inc	73½	74
TCC Inds	2	2½
Tandem Comp	12½	12½
Tandy Corp	48½	49½
Teledyne	25½	25
Temple Inland	43½	43½
Tenet Healthcare	16½	16½
Tenneco	46	45½
Texaco	68½	69
Texas Inst	104½	104½
Texas Utilities	32½	32½
Textron	56½	56½
Time Warner	36½	36½
Times-Mirror A	18½	18
Timken	40½	40½
Torchmark	38½	38½
Toys R Us	24½	24½
Transamerica	56½	57
Travelers	40½	41½
Tribune	59	59½
Tyco Labs	52½	52½
UST Inc	29½	29½
UAL	116½	115½
USX Marathon	19	19½
Unicom	25½	26
Unilever NV	135½	133½
Union Camp	50½	50
Union Carbide	32½	32
Union Pacific	56½	55½
Unisys Corp	10½	10½
USAIR Group	7	7½
USF&G Corp	14½	14½
US Life	37½	36
US West	40½	41
United Tech	74	74
Unocal Corp	29½	29½
Upjohn	36½	36½
VF Corp	51½	51
WMX Tech	26½	27½
Wal-Mart Stores	22½	23½
Warner-Lambert	79½	80½
Wells Fargo	166½	166½
Westinghouse El	14½	14½
Weyerhaeuser	41½	42½
Whirlpool	54½	54½
Whitman	18½	18
Winn Dixie	55½	55½
Woolworth	15½	15½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44½	44½
Xerox	121½	122½
Yellow Corp	19½	18½

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Battle plan for Bauman

ROBERT BAUMAN, the American executive who retired from SmithKline Beecham last April and became chairman of BAe, presides over his first BAe agm tomorrow. It promises to be the usual noisy affair. Outside the Marriott Hotel, Grosvenor Square, an anti-BAe protest starts at 1pm, and the police have been advised. And inside at 2.30pm, when the AGM starts, there will be at least 30 members of the Campaign Against Arms Trade, who have each bought a token share, and who intend to berate BAe about the sale of Hawk ground attack aircraft to Indonesia. Bauman, middle name Patten, has two options. Attack like a US general, or adopt the "flower power" concept of the 1960s, hand out orchids and disarm his critics. After all, Bauman is an accomplished orchid grower and in 1982 published the definitive book *Plants as Pets*.

Insolvency post

YOU could be forgiven for squirming if a CV came across your desk detailing a career that included involvement with Slater Walker, Johnson Matthey Bankers, Maxwell Communication and the restructuring of Heron International. However, those associations, and many more, have been career-enhancing for Colin Bird, 45, of Price Waterhouse. Bird has been made president of the Society of Practitioners of Insolvency.

Horse sense

WITH perfect timing, Richard Heley, former vice chairman of Hill Samuel, has jumped ship for Charterhouse, where he will strengthen the corporate finance team. The move will oblige Heley, one of Britain's best dressage riders, to take three months' paddock leave — just in time for the dressage season. This year he hopes for success on a horse called General Chaos — no reflection on his erstwhile clients.

Out the hat

TERRY BUCKLAND took early retirement two years ago from PDFM, where he was dealing director, and left the City to run The Place, his own restaurant at Marden, Kent. Terry was back in town last week for Brian Winterflood's Christmas party. As chef's luck would have it, Terry won a raffle ticket — a dinner voucher for four at a Chez Gerard restaurant. He said: "I have every intention of using it — and enjoying it."

Game brains

THERE will be more brains than brawn when the "other" Rugby World Cup tour visits South Africa in June. Brian Moore, the England hooker, is backing the idea of the Cranfield University's School of Management which, in association with other world business schools, is sending out teams to play rugby in SA and work free of charge with small and medium-sized companies.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Dissolution of the monoliths rouses fears for land prices

The sale of old coalfields and barracks lacks strategy, says David Parsley

Fifteen years of privatisations of state-owned monoliths have taken their toll on the land market, which must now absorb a further 150,000 acres of surplus land currently held by British Coal.

A Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors report, to be published next month, says that the lack of an overall strategy for land disposal represents a major policy vacuum.

The report sets out concerns about what the RICS describes as "a rushed sell-off of land", and outlines "fundamental problems" created by selling land not transferred to successor mining companies or to the coal authority.

The report says: "Far from fostering regeneration, there is a danger that larger scale, unplanned and unco-ordinated disposals will undermine local property markets, disrupt local economies and lead to derelict and degraded environments."

Such concerns mirror those expressed by the RICS in evidence to the Commons Defence Select Committee over the sale of decommissioned MoD land.

The Conservatives' privatisation drive has resulted in major land sales by privatised, and soon-to-be-privatised, organisations and government bodies. The RICS highlights the chaos that may result from this land coming onto a market that cannot absorb all of it at once.

Michael Pattison, the RICS chief executive, says that problems could arise because the Government has left each department to draw up its own disposal list.

After speaking to 11 departments, from the Department of Social Security to the Foreign Office, it was clear to me that many did not know who was overseeing the disposal operation or what it involved.

Seeking disposal figures also proved fruitless. Most departments did not know what was on their shortlist, let alone how much land they intended to sell. However, property experts believe that the disposals will involve hundreds of thousands of acres.

Mr Pattison has spoken to ministers to warn them of the risks of not having a disposal strategy and of a huge sale of public sector land distorting the market nationwide.

The Treasury dictates that, once on the market, government land should be sold within three years. Mr Pattison, however, believes this is an almost unworkable timescale given the amount of land being made available.

He sees the Ministry of Defence as one of the main causes for concern. The peace dividend resulting from the end of the Cold War means that many MoD sites are no longer in use: 88 army, navy and air force bases are up for grabs.

Peace dividend: the military is selling bases such as Greenham Common, Berkshire

Over the past ten years, the MoD has generated £787.4 million from land sales. Final figures for 1994-95 are not yet available, but receipts are expected to be about £65 million, and the MoD expects to raise a further £697 million through land sales by 2004.

The department is valuing the estate and is due to complete its investigations by the end of 1996. As a separate, but related, exercise, a new database is to be created containing a more detailed record of MoD property assets.

The Commons Defence Committee's first report on the defence estate, which was published last November, concedes that the three-year rule is not always adhered to. It says that the MoD, in some cases, will "wait until there is an upswing in the property market" before a site is sold.

Mr Pattison says: "There are three big MoD sites in East Anglia alone, for example, and the area would find it difficult to absorb one site, let alone three bombing onto the market at once."

Derek Fatchett, Labour defence spokesman, has aired his concerns to MoD ministers and believes that their response shows a determination to keep what little information they have out of the public domain.

"The MoD policy of land disposal is confused and unclear," he says. "It seems that they only have a limited view in terms of awarding land to the highest bidder, which is not always in the best national interest."

In response, the MoD, one of the better informed departments, says that it has consulted local and district councils in all areas where it wants to sell sites and that it is taking advice from agents.

Brian Hurst, chief executive of the Defence Estate Organisation, a new body being set up to integrate the Defence Land Service and the Defence Works Service, was unable to comment due to security considerations, but a senior source in the DLS would comment.

"There is the Treasury's three-year rule," he said, "but clearly, there are circumstances in which they recognise that the process will take longer — perhaps in instances where planning permission takes a long time to obtain."

The Treasury also requires that any sale achieve the best value for the taxpayer. However, flooding the market with sites is unlikely to achieve this.

Some agents advising the MoD on disposals say that laws of supply and demand show that if the market is oversupplied, the result is lower land value. "It's pretty straightforward economics, really," says one. "It is unlikely that some of this land will attract great demand, so inevitably prices will be forced down."

The DLS source concedes that values may be forced down, but argues that maintaining unused land also costs money. He says: "It can often be more expensive for the taxpayer to maintain the land than to sell it at a lower price. As far as the Treasury is concerned, a pound in the hand is worth ten notional pounds."

Grimley is acting for the MoD on sites including the Portland Naval Base in Dorset. Chris Parker, Grimley's national industrial partner, feels that the volume of land could cause problems.

"If it is not handled carefully, there is a danger that it could swamp the market," he says. "But recently the MoD have been more willing to listen to our advice and are becoming more market orientated, with proposals of joint ventures for sites."

The Department of Health says that it has "quite a substantial amount of land to be disposed of". Difficulties in selling it arise from the nature of the sites and complications about ownership. "Disposal is not straightforward due to the health reforms," a department official said. "The bulk of the estate is health authority buildings, such as ex-psychiatric hospitals, land in the green belt and listed buildings. That all adds to the difficulties."

The health department does appear the most organised, having streamlined the system by taking disposal responsibility away from the 12 regional health authorities and putting it in the hands of eight executive offices, which oversee the strategy on a national scale.

The fact that there appears to be little or no consultation between government departments on disposals is another concern. Simon Pott, RICS president-elect, says: "We don't know what their policy is and we're concerned because we think they may not know either."

Mr Pott advocates the creation of a single body to oversee the Government's land disposal policy. "There is a very real need for central co-ordination to ensure there is no flooding in any one particular areas," he says. "To put several sites on the market at the same time would be extremely unwise and create a quite extraordinary distortion of the market. And no one will thank the government for doing that.

"What we're saying is 'Watch it, boys, this is a market'."

Mr Pott suggests that this overall disposal management role could be played by the Property Advisors to the Civil Estate (Pace), the agency that is to take over from Property Holdings in April 1996. However, Neil Borrett, the Pace chief executive-designate and current director of Property Holdings, says that it is up to each individual department to form a disposal policy, and that Pace will play only an advisory role. "Our job will be to ensure that any land or property proposed for sale could not be of use to another department," he says. "We will give advice where necessary, but there will be no single body to oversee the operation."

The debate is at stalemate. The RICS wants to help and is advocating a national approach to an issue that it believes can only be dealt with on a national basis to avoid confusion. The Government disagrees, claiming their consultation with local authorities has been sufficient to avoid flooding the market. Agents just feel something needs to happen — if only to let those involved know what they are actually involved in.

ANTHONY HARRIS

Bankers shun risks but court disaster

In the last century bankers were hate figures, cartooned as fat men in silk hats, foreclosing on farms or running away with the savings of the poor. *Plus ça change.* Nowadays small businesses picket Barclays, and when Gordon Brown wants to rouse the rabble, he attacks the City. It may look similar — another long cycle? — but it is not the same.

Bankers may have been rogues a century ago, but they were the men who took the risks, and so made fast growth possible. Today, for the most part, they are simply risk packagers, who break big risks down into small units and sell them to the unwary. This process, under the new name of financial devolution, was the theme of an important speech by Henry Kaufman, in Boston last week. His tone was surprisingly upbeat for a man known on Wall Street as Dr Doom.

He is strongly optimistic about the American economy, for a start, and sees the process as part of a broader picture which includes privatisation and securitisation, those horrible neologisms.

Both governments and financial intermediaries are, as he sees it, backing away from promises they cannot hope to deliver except by luck, ranging from a prosperous retirement down through subsidised transport to such a modest offering as a superior return on long-term savings.

There is certainly an upside to this advance in realism. It should mean stable taxes, a more realistic approach to risk (risk management is now the top City skill) and less financial fragility. Bigger, stronger and more competitive banks should emerge, functioning increasingly as financial utilities rather than financiers. But this prophecy has a rather forbidding sound in a country where utilities are becoming known as bodies which offer bad service for excessive rewards.

There is more than one downside. There will be accidents on the way to this questionable Nirvana, Kaufman foresees a major challenge to financial regulation, as risk markets swiftly become sophisticated beyond the understanding of users.

He argues, too, that the ring-fencing of risk will encourage financial professionals to become even more short-termist than is already their habit. This will increase the volatility of asset prices. So, for that matter, will the growing tendency of fund managers to opt out of their last responsibilities.

They may show a proper humility when they buy index-following funds, the ultimate cop-out, but by doing so they leave market values increasingly at the mercy of a handful of speculative investors who are prepared to expose themselves to risk.

It also leaves the financial system as a whole leaning heavily on what is not at first sight the strongest foundation: the nerve and patience of the small man, or of the funds which manage his savings for a fee. Dr Kaufman hardly flirted with the idea of a mutual fund panic, the nightmare that has haunted Wall Street as it watched the explosive growth of the funds in the last few years. But he did offer one cryptic warning: "Investors have ample alternative, and believe that their holdings in any market are quickly tradeable — a belief which has not tested well in the Mexican crisis."

That was a little local difficulty. What about a real dollar crisis, for example? Crashes are still possible in a devolved-risk market. Even if they don't happen, there is the loss of the feel-good factor. As financial security, like job security, fades into a golden past, the voters become nervy and critical. This is not entirely a bad thing. So far as the good feelings of the past were based on illusion, the new realism should encourage self-reliance and the work ethic.

But it means that the new hostility to and suspicion of City people is likely not only to persist, but to grow. They may be more skilful at dodging risk, but they cannot dodge blame.

Jon Ashworth passes on value-for-money advice

A book really worth consulting

The consultant sits before you, feet on the desk, hands behind head, droning on about synergy and strategic focus. He looks the part, all bold stripes and daring tie, but you are not getting the answers you want. Slowly, you reach down and produce a slim, white book emblazoned with red letters. The consultant stops in mid-sentence. He knows that the game is up.

Well, maybe not. But anyone hiring a consultant for the first time could do worse than read *Managing Consultants* by Igor S. Popovich (Century, £17.99). It provides valuable ammunition for those who group the McKinseys and Bains of this world with vampires and Arthur Daley used-car salesmen.

Popovich provides a handy checklist to assist with vetting hopeful candidates. Seek references, for instance. Speak to former clients. Look for evidence that the consultant understands your business and has relevant qualifications and experience. "Don't be satisfied with vague, theoretical or future-oriented answers," says Popovich. "Ask for specific, experience-related examples from the consultant's past."

Research usually pays dividends. Don't assume that a big name guarantees results. Avoid consultants who bid routinely for every job that comes their way, and look for evidence of what Popovich wrily refers to as "small signs that mean big trouble" — dishonesty, lying, unethical behaviour, arrogance, aggressiveness, timidity, lack of drive or enthusiasm, emotional instability, a failure to follow instructions. Then comes the assessment interview. Popovich says: "The biggest mistake you can make is to believe that, just because they charge a couple of hundred pounds per hour, all consultants are smart and competent.

"They look smart. Suits, white shirts, latest fashion ties, leather briefcases, executive diaries, creamy, woodfree stationery, mobile telephones, plush offices, private secretaries, mini bars. They talk smart. Profit-loss ratios, empowerment, re-engineering, total quality management, positioning, marketing strategies, stock options, yields and bonds, just-in-time manufacturing. They charge smart, too. Billable hours, reimbursables, travel expenses, research expenses, progress payments."

Arthur Daley: watch the paintwork

Some of them, however, "are not as smart as they want you to believe. All this masquerade was specifically designed with one aim in mind — to intimidate you". Beware, says Popovich, of consultants who are better talkers than doers.

Much of it comes down to turning the tables: make them squirm. A sudden and unexpected request can throw even the slickest consultant. "Many consultants have great difficulty saying a very simple single-syllable word — no." Fish for free advice before anything has been signed. Invite a consultant to your office, ask some general questions, then gradually start probing deeper. "Some consultants will swallow the bait and go to extreme lengths in explaining what they would do to solve your problem," says Popovich. "All you have to do is listen. Some more experienced consulting sharks will be suspicious and will limit their answers and statements to a bare minimum. They know that the first rule of clinching a deal is to leave clients wanting more."

Thos who really dislike consultants will enjoy Popovich's tips on progress meetings. He says they should be kept standing up. Don't allow anyone to speak for more than two minutes at a time — use a stopwatch — and don't serve coffee.

Popovich asserts that only about a third of consultants on the market are worth their salt. About 10 per cent are outstanding professionals. A further 20 per cent are competent and reliable, and the remainder run the gamut from acceptable mediocrity to gross incompetence.

And the best? They are like the used-car salesman who reveals dents in the bodywork. Popovich says: "The most believable consultants are those who admit their flaws, inadequacies and mistakes."

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TIMES

Prices move higher in thin trading

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
492	413	Abbey Natl	471	+ 7	4.7	9.5
295	250	Allied Irish	288	...	4.8	8.4
233	198	Aus New Z	230	- 1	4.9	8.5
3156½	2531½	Bank America	3056¾	- 18¾	...	...
230	191½	Bank Scotland	224	+ 3	3.3	9.8
665	557½	Barclays†	652	+ 12	4.0	7.1
339	298	Bk of Ireland	336	- 1	4.3	9.7
485	418	Cater Allen	483		7.3	10.0
2993¾	2450	Citicorp	2893¾	+ 12½	...	
262	219	Close Bros	261	.	3.8	11.8
£153¼	£129¾	Commerzbk	£152	+ 2⅞	3.8	..
1337½	993¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1331¼	+ 56¼	0.5	
£317⅞	£285	Deutsche Bk	£303¼	+ 14⅞	2.5	
856¼	612½	Espirito Santo	853¾	.	9.5	
1540	1192½	Fuji Bank Y	1537½	+ 41¾	0.4	...
490	395	Gerrard Nat	433	+ 2	6.9	12.5
253	195	Hambros	214	- 1	8.8	13.1
756½	589	HSBC†	733½	+ 1½	4.8	9.2
740	578	HSBC HK†	717	+ 2	4.7	9.0
408	363	Joseph (L)	383		6.1	10.6
103	85	King Shaxson	94	+ 2	12.0	9.3
663	539	Kleinwort Bent	658	+ 16	4.1	11.8
655	530	Lloyds†	654	+ 12	4.9	11.0
552	479	Nat Aust Bk	534	- 2	6.3	9.4
556	454	Nat West†	549	+ 7	4.9	9.2
2400	2150	Ottoman Bank	2375	...	6.6	3.3
67	53	Rea Bros†	53		2.4	19.5
429	373½	Royal Bk Scot	423	+ 9	4.1	12.1
1663	1360	Schroders	1626	+ 10	1.6	15.5
1466	1235	Schroders N/V†	1420	+ 7	1.8	13.5
86½	81	Singer & Fried†	85½	+ 2½	5.1	-
303	246	Stand Chart†	304	+ 4	3.3	9.3
254½	217	TSB	254	+ 5	4.4	10.8
93	70	Union	90	- 1	4.2	-
829	655	Warburg SG	821	+ 46	3.3	15.0
£103⅛	9043¾	Wells Fargo†	£102¾	- 25	2.8	..
237¼	211	Westpac	230¼	+ 1¾	2.4	-
235	200	Wintrust	203	..	6.5	13.6

BREWERIES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
172	143	Ascot Hldgs	158	...	...	...
564	487	Bass	557	+ 8	4.7	13.8
271	239	Boddington	266	+ 1	4.2	13.7
177	152	Burtonwd Brw	154	- 1	4.1	12.9
170	137	Eldridge P 'A'	150	- 1	3.4	18.2
59	51	Fosters Brewing	57	- 1	4.8	15.0
368	335	Fuller Sm 'A'	360	- 2	2.7	14.9
459	402	Greenalls Grp	456		3.6	15.0
532	466	Greene King	513	- 2	3.2	14.0
267	240	Hardy Hansn	247	..	4.8	12.1
156	150	Heavitree	150		3.8	10.6
3425	3248	Hair J†	3248	- 67	2.0	-
248	219	Mansfield	248	+ 2	2.3	15.2
312	266	Marston Thmp	289	..	2.6	14.1
465	400	Morland	457		2.9	13.7
8¾	6½	Paramount†	8		3.9	18.9
366	307	Regent Inns	366	..	2.0	20.9
1787½	1387½	SA Breweries	1762½	+ 56¼	1.6	28.7
545	489	Scot & New	538	+ 3	4.0	15.4
237	211	Vaux Group	234	- 1	5.3	13.2
504	448	Wetherspoon JD†	491	..	1.8	22.7
572½	521	Whitbread	563	- 2	4.3	15.4
527	483	Wolvhmptn D	522		3.3	13.5
218	186	Yates Bros	217		2.2	17.1
485	450	Young 'A'	455		4.1	19.2

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	125	Abbey	130		5.0	9.5
161	143	Allen	158		4.4	14.8
78	56	Amec†	66		5.7	-
173	133	Andrews Sykes	173	+ 8		
438	412	Ashtead	438	+ 1	1.7	18.7
105	83	Avonside†	83	- 2	6.6	-
38	31	Bailey (Ben) Cont	31	.	4.2	-
45	36	Barcom	38			
195½	158	Barratt Devs†	188	+ 1	4.3	13.1
140	122	Beazer Homes	138	+ 1	4.9	10.8
224	180	Bellway	224	.	3.9	13.3
37	27	Bellwinch	30	.	0.8	16.1
378	315	Berkeley Gp	365	.	2.5	11.6
178	168	Bett Bros	175	+ 7	3.6	5.3
245	195	Bool (Henry)†	195		4.6	-
129	93	Brandon Hire	116		2.0	19.7
160	130	Br Bldg & Eng†	120	..	8.3	16.5
134	105	Bryant	121½	- ½	5.3	11.5
130	98	CALA	130	+ 2	3.1	13.7
38	30	Campbell & Arm	37	.		
54	49	Clarke T†	52	..	9.8	12.9
24¼	10	Costain	12½		..	..
110	85	Countryside	92	- 2	5.7	11.6
81	60	Crest Nicholson	66		3.8	9.2
98	80	Cussins†	83		5.6	-
35	18	Edmond Hldgs	25		0.8	-
275	208	Eve Group	210	..	6.5	8.6
29	20	Galliford	20	..	6.2	..
90	85	Gibbs & Dandy†	89	...	4.2	
863	828	Gleeson (MJ)†	828	.	2.2	15.6
86	71	Green (Ernest)†	71	..	8.9	19.0
215	178	Havelock Euro	210		1.8	
178	138	Hewden-Stuart†	172	.	2.4	16.9
93	73	Higgs & Hill†	76		4.1	-
22	16	Howard Hldgs	16		6.2	12.2
11½	8¾	Jarvis	11½			
117	98	Keller†	104	+ 4	3.8	10.6
223	185	Laing (J)†	203	+ 1	5.5	-
97	82	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	82½	- 1	9.7	.
124	115	Lon Clydeside	117	.	5.7	12.4
61	32	Lovell (YJ)	39	.	3.2	4.8
210	185	Maunders (J)	185		3.7	10.2
181	136	McAlpine (A)†	150	.	5.0	-
60	48	McCarthy & S	59	..	...	20.8
61	51	Morgan Sindall	52	..		
106	74	Mowlem (J)†	74		3.4	38.0
204	163	Persimmon	204		5.8	13.0
2400	1700	Pochins	1712½	..	2.3	12.0
126	105	Prowting	112	..	4.0	17.1
53	23	Raine Ind	30		10.4	6.2
48	45	Secure Retire	45	.		14.6
118	93	Redrow	113	.	3.0	13.2
62	49	Svrfld-Rvet†	60	- 1	2.1	-
398	362	Sherriff Hldgs	365	.	2.0	15.2
112½	88	Sorco†	94	.	5.1	-
318	258	[illegible]	294	.	1.1	20.5
176	156	Tay Homes†	157	+ 1	5.3	11.0
130	114	Taylor Woodrw†	122	+ 1	2.3	22.2
568	433	Tilbury Dougls	460	.	9.4	17.9
59½	52	Torex Hire	52	.	3.1	18.2
20	16	Try Group†	18	..	6.9	25.3
109	103	Vibroplant	103	.	4.5	18.5
118	97	Wardhomes	109	..	5.6	11.8
60	50	Ward Hldgs	50		3.8	7.0
146	123	Westbury	144	.	4.7	13.1
5¼	3½	Wiggins	3¾	+ ¼		
163	124	Wilson (C)†	156	.	3.6	11.6
348	308	Wilson Bowdn†	335	- 1	3.8	12.4
138	113	Wimpey G†	135	+ 1	5.1	16.7

BUILDING MATERIALS

BUSINESS SERVICES

CHEMICALS

DISTRIBUTORS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
105	91	ABI Leis	103	.	4.9	11.8
595	535	Adam & Harvey	545	.	3.6	6.8
21	16	Alexanders	20	..	6.2	9.6
173	88	Appleyard†	107	..	6.8	-
4¼	3¾	Ass Br Eng	3¾		1.7	26.8
562	518	BSS Group	562	+ 2	4.1	19.8
24½	20½	Bearing Power	23	+ ½	5.4	11.8
28	25	Bogod 'A'	25		3.5	10.5
378	345	Brammer†	378	+ 4	4.4	-
20	10½	Bridgend Gp	20	+ 3	1.2	..
96	87	Brit Fittings†	90		4.2	-
48	28	Brown & Tawse	42			
39	33	Burndene	36		6.7	-
270	215	Caffyns	245	...	5.9	40.2
88	66	Central Mtr	73	.	4.7	48.6
42	35	Coar (DC)	39	.	3.7	12.0
269	220	Cowie	259	+ 2	4.4	11.1
143	126	Dag Motors†	137	..	6.4	-
598	558	Densons El	558	..	1.5	13.8
475	488	Diploma	463	..	3.6	16.3
540	472	Electrocomps	536	..	2.4	22.0
173	153	Electron House	170	+ 4	2.6	14.3
263	234	Ellis & Everard	255	+ 1	3.8	16.9
111	87	European Mtr	104	...	5.4	17.3
401	364	Evans Halshaw†	386	..	4.9	11.4
595	512	Fenwal Elect†	577	- 1	1.9	-
60	48	File Indexa▼	48	.	7.8	-
24½	15	Gardiner	23½	.	4.3	10.8
24	16	Glenchewton	21½	+ 2	.	23.7
73	61	Gowrings†	66	..	4.3	-
73	62	Hallon Hldgs†	69	..	1.8	13.2
172	148	Harris (Philip)	165	...	5.2	14.5
331	298	Henlys	331	+ 5	3.2	15.4
98	81	Holders Tech†	96	+ 4	7.7	29.4
110	88	ISA Intl†	94	..	2.5	-
430	274	Inchcape†	322	- 7½	5.8	12.5
66	53	Jacks (Wm)	66	..		15.3
167	142	Kwik-Fit	149	- 4	3.7	14.8
339	277	Lex Service	330	..	5.3	17.6
195	164	Lookers	168	..	5.6	9.3
15	14	Malaya Grp†	14½	..	3.4	34.5
8¼	5	Middlesex ©	5¼	..	1.1	-
435	330	Norbain	340	..	0.8	15.2
116	78	Northamber	116	+ 4	1.4	49.3
155	152	PCT	152	- 2	6.5	-
253	225	Pendragon†	249	...	4.1	14.4
161	123	Perry Gp	141	..	6.9	-
135	126	Quick Group†	132	..	5.2	-
171	160	REA	168	.	3.0	-
3¼	2¾	Reece	3			-
6	2½	Ross Gp	4½	..	5.6	
51½	37½	SEP Ind	49	...	2.7	16.3
53	38	TLS Range†	52	..	3.8	-
233	226	Time Products	231		4.7	15.5
220	151	Vardy (Reg)	218		3.0	16.1
248	240	Wholesale Ftgs	248	..	5.9	22.1
18½	12½	Wills Gp	13	...	4.8	7.3
74½	62½	Wilshaw	67½	.	1.2	22.8
71	56½	Wyko	71		1.8	25.6
80	68	Young (H)	75	..	6.0	14.0

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
165	149	Adwest†	160	+ 1	6.0	13.8
333	235	Antofagasta†	293	..	1.7	25.2
997	801	Broken Hill	898	- 7	2.5	-
339	291	BTR†	328	- 1	5.0	15.1
480	405	BAT†	477	+ 4	5.7	14.3
270½	216	Berisford Intl	245	..	0.3	64.8
91	71	Bibby (J)	87	.	4.3	16.1
48	40½	Brierley Inv	46	+ ½	8.8	2.7
825	743	Charter†	825	+ 20	3.6	13.3
237	185	Cookson▼	237	+ 2	3.7	15.0
248½	228	Hanson	238	+ 1½	6.3	14.9
162½	136	Harrisn Crsfld†	155	.	7.3	18.7
283	200¾	Hutch Whamp	266	+ 2¼	2.8	-
584½	415½	Jardine Mgth	486½	- 7	3.2	-
30	27	Jourdan (T)	27½	.	5.8	-
166	134	Lonrho	165	+ ½	3.4	30.2
133	113	McLeod Russel	133	+ 4	5.8	14.5
44	38	Porter Chadbn	42			
511	447	Powell Duffryn	503	+ 5	6.2	14.1
134	123	Raynes†	134	+ 2	7.7	11.6
612	438	Rothmans	610	- 1	3.9	29.6
15½	10	Saltire	11½			3.7
150	120	Sime Darby†	150	..	2.9	18.9
186	164	Staveley	184	..	5.8	56.7
170	148	Suter†	170	+ 5	7.0	13.4
253	227	TT Group†	234	+ 1½	2.9	14.4
249½	214	Tomkins	238½	+ 3½	4.1	15.3
76	50½	Trafalgar H	56	+ ½	2.2	.
295	285	Unitare	295	...	6.0	-
300	241	Wassall†	247	+ 2	2.1	-
168	162	Whitecroft	166	...	2.6	18.2
11¼	9	Widney	9¾	+ ¼	2.6	15.1
350	312	Williams Hldgs†	331	+ 1	5.1	15.8

ELECTRICITY

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
850	554	East Midlands	654	- 3	5.3	27.5
800	535	Eastern Grp	637	.	4.8	13.9
785	548	London Elect	642	+ 1	4.8	9.8
886	621	Manweb	681	+ 4	5.0	8.1
827	563	Midlands Elec	645	- 1	4.8	9.9
496	421½	National Power	454	+ 1	4.3	12.4
1138	715	Northern Elec	820	+ 6	5.0	8.5
371	313	Nthn Ireland	351	+ 1	4.2	9.6
867	611	Norweb	659	+ 4	4.6	7.9
542	457½	PowerGen	485	+ 3	3.9	10.5
332½	303	Hydro-Elect	322	...	5.1	10.2
350	309½	Scottish Power	337		4.8	10.7
494	304	Seeboard	378	+ 3	4.1	10.3
912	630	Sth Wales	690	+ 1	5.3	9.4
689	603	Sth Western	672	+ 7	4.7	8.9
826	548	Southern Elec	664	+ 5	4.6	9.7
909	599	Yorkshire Elec	669	- 5	5.2	11.5

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
317	292	Acal	303	.	2.9	16.4
97¼	77¼	Acorn Comp	87	..	...	...
636	625	Admiral†	634		1.6	19.3
218	195	Alba	217		2.9	16.9
209	127½	Amstrad	208	+ 7	1.5	-
39	30	Ariel†	35		1.4	-
90½	77	Ascot†	88	+ ½	1.7	-
174	116	Azlan	173	...	2.2	14.0
364	287	BICC†	327	+ 7	4.8	16.7
250	225	Bestec Hunter	227	...	5.5	12.2
478	430	Black	477		3.0	16.1
359	284	Bowthorpe†	359	+ 2	2.9	18.1
20	17½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	18¾	+ ½	1.7	10.9
201	151	CML Micro	151	- 16	5.0	9.6
39	28	Channel Hldgs	30		5.2	8.5
23	19	Chloride	19¾	...	1.9	56.3
75	61	Clayhithe	66	.	5.1	-
190	105	Copymore	165	.	3.3	-
170	68½	Cray Elect	69	- 2	4.5	8.0
478	461	Crichley	469	.	2.3	19.8

ENGINEERING

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
18	11½	Locker (T) A	15½	...	3.2	..
35	29	ML Hldgs	34		3.1	11.8
26	19	MS Ind	21		8.9	12.7
161	137	Mang Bronze†	140	- 1	4.0	11.9
435	376	McKechnie	428	+ 2	4.5	24.8
84	61	Meggitt	73	.	6.7	-
112	101	Metalrax	105	..	4.9	-
131	130	Metsec	130	...	2.9	-
605	487	Molins†	605	+ 5	3.5	10.7
346	293	Morgan Cruc†	324		5.1	16.0
231	178	Morris Ashby	231	+ 1	3.4	16.7
36	32	Neepsend	33		4.7	16.6
70	48	Neotronics	63	..	3.4	17.4
45	31	Newmark (L)	¤31			
41½	13	QM Intl	13½	.	16.2	59.4
351	315	Oxford Inst	347½	..	1.8	30.5
279	233	Powerscreen	279	..	3.4	11.7
15½	10½	Prospect Inds	12	+ ½	8.9	6.1
73	67	Radiant Metal	67		..	-
64	41	Ransomes	53			
86	76	Record	77	...	6.0	15.1
344	265	Renishaw	338	+ 3	2.4	26.8
195	180	Renold	194		1.9	26.9
58	47	Richard (Leics)	49		5.9	-
78	68	Richardson West†	74	- 1	5.7	-
179½	148	Rolls-Royce▼	177	+ 6	3.5	26.7
173	158½	Rotork†	160		3.8	-
180	143	Rubicon	155	..	3.9	25.3
86	67	Senior Eng†	82½	..	5.2	18.4
270	264	Servomex†	265	..	3.3	17.5
585	498	Siebe	585	+ 4	2.5	18.2
85	67	Simon Eng	73	+ 3	...	
82	78	Six Hundred	81		2.3	28.0
1300	1034¾	SKF 'B'	1240¾	+ 3¾	2.9	-
488	423	Smiths Inds†	481	+ 4	3.5	16.8
496	431	Spirax-Sarco†	494	- 1	2.9	17.7
261	227	Sterling Ind	261	+ 11	3.4	16.9
380	328	TI†	374	+ 11	4.0	17.2
100	97	Tinsley (E)	97		7.2	13.2
73	61	Transfer Tech	73	+ 1	3.6	-
136	127	Triplex Lloyd	135	..	6.5	
16	14	Utd Inds▼	15½		2.8	14.8
1710	1358	VSEL	1710	+ 13	3.1	-
15½	11½	Vernon	14½	- ½		
195	162	Vickers†	190	+ 3	3.1	18.1
267	240	Victaulic†	266	- 1	4.0	13.5
10	8½	Villiers Grp	10		2.0	.
564	505	Vinten	564	.	3.0	16.9
779	722	Vosper Thorny	778	..		
481	444	Wagon Ind	480		4.7	24.4
293	222	Weir†	233	- 1	3.7	17.9
41	38	Wellman	40½	+ 1	3.1	66.1
455	390	Whatman†	438	..	3.2	14.6

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
38	33	AAF Inds	35	..		
160	153	Airflow Stream	155	- 1	3.2	15.2
48½	41	Armour†	41½	...	5.5	8.7
475	440	Avon Rubber	475	+ 2	4.3	17.1
214	181	BBA†	207	- 2	2.9	.
66	49½	BSG†	65½	.	6.1	-
13	8½	Benson Group	8½	..	5.1	11.7
320	265	Bostrom†	318	..	2.4	-

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

HEALTHCARE

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

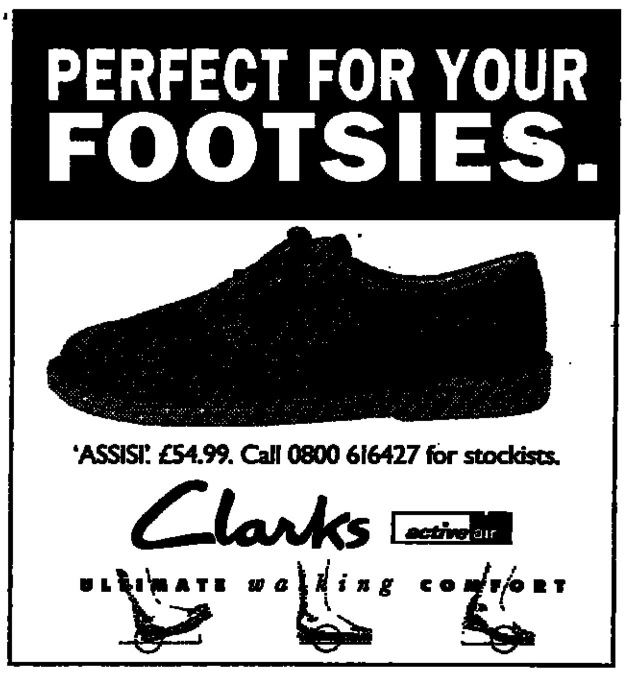
INSURANCE

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
188	172	Bankers†	188	+ 1	2.6	..
44½	32	Baring Em Eu	41¾		0.3	.
326	300	Baring Tribne	323		2.8	
228	216	Berry Starq	228	+ 4	1.2	.
91	84½	Br Assets	87¾	+ ½	6.3	.
90½	83	Br Empire Sec	88	+ ½	1.4	..
32	25	Br Empire Wts	30			
213	194	Br Inv	212		2.9	.
101	74½	Brazilian	80½		0.4	
230	211	Brunner	230	+ 1	3.0	...
132½	120½	BZW Conv	129½		7.5	...
413	318	Candover†	410	...	3.7	..
108	93	I&S UK Smlr	108	+ 1	3.2	...
138	118	Inv Cap	126	.	5.2	..
87	78	Int Biotech	78	...		
32	20	Int Wts	20	...		
149	122	INVESCO Korea	122	...		
95	82	J Fry 2nd U	88	+ 2	8.4	..
94	83	J Fry Euro U	84	...	7.1	...
224	177	JF Fledg Jap	202	+ 3	...	.
108	99	Jupiter Intl Grn	108	+ 2	3.9	.
212	194	Klnwt Chr	212	+ 2	3.0	.
121	96½	Klnwt E Mid	103	.	.	..
118	110	Klnwt End	111			
78½	73	Klnwt Euro Prvt	77¾	+ 1	1.3	..
27	21½	Klnwt Euro Wts	25¼	+ 1¼		
85	74	Klnwt H Inc	84	.	11.9	.
237	213	Klnwt O'seas	235½	+ 1	1.8	
127	111	Klnwt Smlr	120	+ 1	2.3	
125½	71	Latin American	93¾	+ ½	..	..
810	718	Law Debenture	792		3.2	
106	94	Lazard H Inc	95		8.4	.
88	77	Lloyds Sm Cap	88		.	
29½	26	Lloyds Sm Drrt	26		17.5	-
114	102	Lloyds Sm Plgt	114		4.0	-
57	44	Manson	44			
365	247	Merchants†	355	+ 2½	5.4	-
87½	78½	Mercury Euro Pv	87½	+ 1¼	0.9	
30	23½	Mercury Eur Wt	29	+ 1		
95	78	Mercury World†	89½	+ 1	0.9	
31	14½	Mercury Wld Wts	21½	- ½		
523	482	Monks Inv Tst	523	+ 3	1.7	
141	125	Morg Gren Inc	140	+ 1	4.3	
50	40½	Morg Wts	50	..		
86	48	Morg Lat Amer	63			
49	20	Morg Wts	31½			
119	104	Murray Ent	116	..	2.3	
34	23	Murray Ent Wts	25	.		
92	73	Murray Emg Eco	82	.	..	
40	25	Murray Em Ec Wt	27½			
58	54	Murray Emrg†	57	.	0.8	
17½	10	Murray Em Wts	10½	..		
337	308	Murray Income	337	+ 4	4.5	..
334	296	Murray Intl	334	+ 1	4.7	...
168	162½	Murray S/C DP	168	..	...	...
142	128	Murray S/C Cap	142	+ 3	...	...
81	73½	Murray S/C Inc	78		18.1	
3050	2980	Murray S/C Uts	2975		4.5	..
480	376	Murray Small	409	+ 2	1.3	.
359	308	Murray Vent†	358	+ 1	4.8	..
19	16	Newmarket	18			
59	53	Nthbrg Inc†	53	.	10.0	...

LEISURE & HOTELS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3¾	2	Brent Walker	3	...		
165	150	Bristol Scotts	150	.	3.8	-
2¾	¾	Buckingham Int	#¾			
26½	12	Castel Plc	16½	..	8.3	9.1
256	251	Chrysalis	254			
83	70½	City Centre Rest†	81		3.1	-
347	305	Compass Gp	333	- 1	2.5	17.3
274	238	Eurocamp	271	+ 1	4.8	12.1
195	118	Euro Disney	188	+ 6		.
165	93	Euro Leisure	116			
450	363½	Fairline Boats	384	+ 7	5.0	17.7
124	105	First Choice	117		4.1	30.6
295	262	First Leisure	288		3.0	18.3
251½	224½	Forte†	227	- 2	4.1	23.3
175	148	Friendly Hotels	149		4.9	-
584	476	Granada	581	+ 9	2.2	17.3
118	108	Groupe Chez Gerr	112		0.8	15.5
38	16	Hi-Tec Sports	19	+ 2	10.5	.
135	96	Hornby†	114	..	5.5	21.4
187½	156¾	Jurys Hotel	180¾	+ ¾	3.8	16.2
20¾	14¾	Kunick	20	..	3.1	23.0
293	264	London Clubs	293	+ 5	5.1	14.9
183	161	Ladbroke†	182	+ 4	4.1	
135	96	Zetters Gp	115		10.3	9.0



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MEDIA

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
370	335	Abbott Mead†	367		2.5	-
310	276	Adscene	290		3.0	18.1
29½	22	Aegis Gp	27	.		10.8
7¾	2¾	Allied Radio	2¾			
13	11	BBB Design	11	- 2	..	30.4
197	155	Barbour Index	197	+ 1	5.5	17.6
6¼	5	Bidwake	5¾	+ ¼		
325	320	Black (A&C)	325	.	5.6	11.1
253	174	Blenheim Gp	232	+ 3	5.7	13.9
233	196	Border TV	232	+ 5	2.3	20.3
388	350	Bristol	357		4.4	35.8
279	242	B Sky B	259	- ½		48.8
141	126	CIA Grp†	136	+ 1	1.7	-
29½	22½	Caledonian Med	29½	.		
387	343	Capital Radio	377		2.4	23.5
954	851	Carlton Comm	954	+ 10	2.7	17.5
90	85	City of Lon	87		6.3	13.3
149	83	Cordiant	94	+ ½	.	15.9
1418¾	1350	Daily Mail	1393¾	.	1.5	33.7
1150	959¾	Daily Mail 'A'	1118¾		1.8	19.0

MINING

OIL & GAS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
752	687	Shell†	751	+ 7	4.5	-
116	116	Sunrise Eng Sv	#116			
4090¾	3234¾	Total	3959¾	+ 84¾	3.8	-
10	8½	Villiers Grp	10			
263	221	Woodside	256	- 2	1.4	..
58	33	XCL	33			

OTHER FINANCIAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
98	75	BWD	85		6.2	8.2
132	128	Baltic Plc	131	.	2.9	-
78	52	Berry Bch Nbl	52	- 1	12.3	7.8
157	148	Bolec Inv	156			
150	112	Brewin Dolphin	143		4.2	10.9
664	625	Caledonia	648		3.2	17.7
2400	2125	Camellia	2200		1.1	6.1
22½	18¼	Carlisle†	22			
167	142	Cattles†	163			50.3

PHARMACEUTICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
593	425	Brit Biotech	494			..
345	105	Cantab Pharms	110	+ 2		
306	233½	Celltech	305			
127	92½	Chiroscience	127	+ 3		.
42	31	Cortecs	42			
188	103	Fisons†	186		2.9	.
741	587	Glaxo Wellcome	733	- 1	4.8	16.8
124	100	Grampian Hldg†	117		6.1	15.0
264	182	Medeva†	251	+ 5	1.6	17.2
1½	¾	Premier Health				
254	230	Quality Care	230		2.4	11.4
423	273	Scotia	416	- 7		
56	32	Shield Diag	48	+ 1		
532	444	SmithKline	495	+ 4	3.3	14.6
513	416	Smkline Uts	473	+ 1	3.4	13.9
1075	850	Wellcome†	1066	- 4	2.7	22.9
934	840	Zeneca†	909	+ 4	3.9	20.5

PRINTING & PAPER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
133	120	AG Holdings†	128		5.4	12.5
429	377	API	428		2.6	20.4
272	219	Arjo Wiggins†	264	- 2	3.4	13.9
168	162	Aspen Comst	162		4.1	
386	347	Bemrose†	374	+ 2	4.3	-
460	387	Bowater†	460	+ 6	3.8	14.4
2400	1675	Bowater Inc	2400	+ 18¾		
287	260	Brammore Intl▼	284	+ 2	2.0	-
542	474	Br Polythene†	542	+ 2	3.2	
40	22	Br Thornton	37		6.8	3.2
144	112	Britton Grp†	144	+ 1	2.2	16.4
189	159	Bunzl†	186	- 2	3.4	15.4

PROPERTY

RETAILERS, FOOD

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
10	7	ERA Gp	7			10.9
161	98	Essex Furn	129	+ 7	4.5	14.3
236	170	Etam	206	+ 3	4.8	-
379	330	Fine Art Dev	378	+ 8	4.8	11.7
86	37	Fired Earth	46			21.3
113	81	Flying Flowers	104		2.3	13.6
295	255	French Conn	291			12.3
275	207	Frost Group	274	+ 2	2.7	-
58	46	Gieves	47	.	4.0	16.8
134	112	Goldsmiths Gp	131		2.9	-
604	508	GUS	600	+ 7	2.8	17.2
216	179	Hamleys†	214	+ 1	4.1	-
56	25	Hampden Grp†	52	- 1	2.9	14.0
175	132	Hse of Fraser†	155	+ 7	4.4	20.0
93	80	Hughes (TJ)	81		3.9	13.3
306	229	JJB Sports	306	+ 8	2.5	-
477	379	Kingfisher†	459	+ 8	4.1	17.8
115	95	Kleeneze	115		1.6	32.7
315	208	Liberty†	228		3.8	-
305	184	Lloyds Chem†	220		5.5	7.1
132	108	MFI	130	+ 5	4.0	16.3
427½	371	Marks Spencer	427½	+ 4½	2.8	19.0
532	500	Menzies (John)	522	+ 1	2.9	12.3
422	338	Moss Bros	422	+ 2	3.6	-
323	252	Next	322	+ 3	3.6	16.6
44	37	OEM	44	+ 2		
96	88	Oliver (G)†	92		1.4	13.8
93	78	Partridge Fine	80		5.2	6.9
155	107	OS Hldgs	114		5.9	-
19	7	Rhino Grp▲	16½	+ ½		
131	113	Rosebys†	116		5.2	12.7
111½	96	Sears	107½	+ 2	4.7	15.2
24	14	Signet Group	14	- ½		
484	403	Smith WH	410	+ 7	4.8	21.1
835	638	Sothebys	825		1.2	39.6
350	209	Storehouse	247	- 1	2.9	30.3
206	168	Stylo	184	- 6	4.9	-
172	143	T & S Stores†	172	..	4.7	-
121	96	Tie Rack	120		2.4	12.6
4½	1½	Upton & South	1½	- ½		
502	425	Vendome	488	+ 8	2.4	22.2
33	24	WEW Group	31	+ 1	2.9	25.9
67	57	Wrld of Leather†	58		3.2	12.4
172	155	Wyevale	172	+ 4	3.5	-

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
554	491	Allied Domecq	551	+ 1	5.1	14.9
413	390	Bulmer (HP)	412	+ 2	3.4	22.3
121	99	Burn Stewart†	106		5.9	21.8
410	352	Grand Met	400	+ 2	4.4	18.0
478	404	Guinness†	469½	+ 1½	3.7	14.8
445	337	Highland Distl†	363	+ 4	2.5	16.4
217	175	Macallan-Glenl†	178	+ 1	0.9	-
710	600	Macdn Mrtn 'A'	660	+ 20	1.9	28.0
595	532	Matthew Clark	585	+ 1	3.9	27.3
88	61	Merrydown W	82	+ 1	3.8	-
156	129	Taunton Cider	154½	+ ½	5.5	12.0

SUPPORT SERVICES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
110	73	ACT Group	110		6.0	11.6
740	620	ADT	721	- 4		
41	34	Alphameric	35½	.	.	27.1
74	43	Auto Sec	58			
120	101½	BET Ord	119	+ ½	3.6	17.0
178	143	BNB Rest	144		4.8	-
258	220	BPP†	245	+ 5	4.9	-
166	131	BSM†	156		5.2	12.1
5¼	¾	Black & Edg	4¾	- ½		
700	500	Borland	625			
215	105	Brit Data Mgt	126	+ 1	5.4	8.9
67	59	Brooke Service†	65		4.3	-
93	75	CRT Gp†	90½		4.6	22.2
168	138	Capita Group	168	+ 10	2.5	17.3
317	277½	Chubb Sec	307	+ 5	2.7	17.9
243	223	Comput People†	240	+ 2	1.6	-
82	61	Corp Services†	82	+ 2	3.0	13.0
60	48	Courts Crolat†	60	+ 1	3.1	-
240	204	Davis Service†	216	+ 1	4.9	13.2

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TEXTILES & APPAREL

TRANSPORT

WATER

BRITISH FUNDS

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
101⅛	100⁹⁄₃₂	Exch 10¼% 1995	100⁹⁄₃₂		10.17	6.74
104⅞	103⅛	Treas 12¾% 1995	103⅛ †		12.37	6.89
106⅝	104⅝	Treas 14% 1996	104⅝		13.35	7.02
109⅞	107⅝	Treas 15¼% 1996	107⅝ †	- ⅛	14.18	7.28
107⅛	105⅞	Exch 13¼% 1996	105⅞ †		12.51	7.29
103⅞	103⅛	Conv 10% 1996	103⅛ †		9.68	7.64
98⅞	97⅛	Treas 7% 1997	98⅛	- ⅛	7.13	7.86
109⅞	108⅛	Treas 13¼% 1997	108⅛	- ⅛	12.20	7.81
106⅞	104⅞	Exch 10½% 1997	104⅞	- ⅛	10.06	7.79
102	100⅛	Treas 8¾% 1997	101⅛		8.62	7.97
116⅞	114⅞	Exch 15% 1997	115⅛		13.02	8.09
105⅞	102⅞	Exch 9¾% 1998	103⅞		9.39	8.15
98⅛	96⅛	Treas 7¼% 1998	97⅛		7.43	8.16
96⅞	94⅞	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	96⅛		7.01	8.17
115⅞	114⅞	Treas 14% 1998-01	115⅛ †		12.17	8.32
122⅞	120⅛	Treas 15½% 1998	121⅛	+ ⅛	12.78	8.18
111⅞	109⅞	Exch 12% 1998	111⅛ †	+ ⅛	10.80	8.31
104⅞	100⅛	Treas 9½% 1999	103⅞	+ ⅛	9.16	8.29
113⅞	111⅞	Exch 12¼% 1999	112⅛	+ ⅛	10.88	8.36
107⅞	105⅞	Treas 10½% 1999	107⅛ †	+ ⅛	9.88	8.35
92⅞	89⅞	Treas 6% 1999	91⅛		6.53	8.38
107⅞	105⅛	Conv 10¼% 1999	106⅞xd	- ⅛	9.60	8.41
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
103⅞	100⅞	Conv 9% 2000	102⅞	+ ⅛	8.78	8.33
99⅞	98⅞	Treas 8% 2000	98⅞ †	+ ⅛	8.12	8.31
119⅞	117	Treas 13% 2000	118⅞	+ ⅛	10.95	8.45
107⅞	104⅞	Treas 10% 2001	106⅞	+ ⅛	9.36	8.45
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157⅛	152⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2009	157⅛ †	+ ⅛	3.54	3.77
162⅞	157⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2011	162⅞	+ ⅛	3.57	3.77
134⅞	129⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2013	134⅞	+ ⅛	3.59	3.77
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137⅞	131⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2020	137⅞	+ ⅛	3.65	3.79
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Far Eastern	274.80	292.40	+ 1.80	..
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Extra Income	49.51	52.67	+ 0.15	7.31
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Global Income	201.50	214.40†	- 1.54	4.58
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Growth Units	197.50	211.70	+ 0.78	2.35
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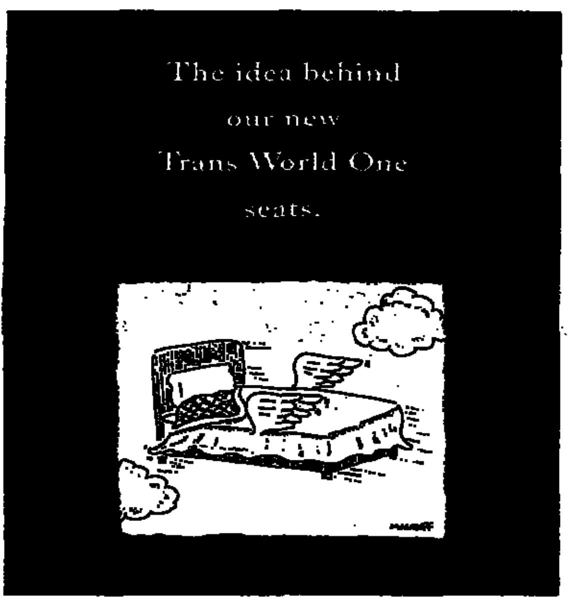
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North American	76.06	80.91	- 0.19	0.15
European Special	108.00	114.90	+ 1.90	0.13
European	154.00	163.80	+ 1.70	0.37
(Accum Units)	202.20	215.10	+ 2.20	0.37
Global Eqty Inc	101.40	107.90	+ 0.80	1.11
Japan	407.70	433.70†	+ 7.50	..
Japanese Special	225.10	239.50†	+ 4.30	..
Master Accum	233.10	248.00	- 1.40	0.56
Pacific	314.40	334.50	+ 4.00	...

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North American	184.60	197.10	- 0.60	0.42
Far East	249.50	265.80	- 2.30	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	171.10	183.00	+ 0.70	1.80
European	80.55	85.74	+ 0.70	0.38
Japanese Growth	49.48	52.68	+ 0.77	
High Income	185.80	198.58	+ 0.90	4.25
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M & S Inv Ptflo	151.70	159.70	+ 0.38	2.21
-do- Accum	174.60	183.80	+ 0.38	2.21

■ TONIGHT

Leo McKern begins previews in Chichester for Harold Brighouse's classic comedy, *Hobson's Choice*

■ TONIGHT

Taking a bow: Anne-Sophie Mutter opens her Festival Hall series with a premiere

THE TIMES ARTS

■ OPERA

Gutsy singing carries the day as ENO revives Hytner's staging of *The Force of Destiny*

■ POP

Roaming the lush pastures where melancholia meets melodrama: Tindersticks come to the Forum

Rendall fulfils his destiny

DONALD COOPER

OPERA: Fine singing sends **Rodney Milnes** home happy from 'the other production' of Verdi's gloomy epic

Suddenly it's Destiny Week: hot on the heels of Scottish Opera's exotically cast revival of Verdi's pitiless tragedy, reviewed here yesterday by John Higgins, comes the first re-showing of Nicholas Hytner's 1992 staging for English National Opera, sung, in Jeremy Sams's translation, by a solid home team. If that sounds unpromising, it shouldn't. The acid test of any performance of *Forza* comes in the final scene: if singers and orchestra triumph over the (on the surface) near-farcical piling-up of coincidence upon coincidence and convey the stark human tragedy at the core of the work — as was the case here — then Verdi has won and the audience goes home, if not exactly happy, then certainly shaken and stirred.

In that context Alexander Rahbari's punchy, not very subtle conducting and the gutsy orchestral playing and choral singing will do nicely enough, and Emma Jenkins, the director, deals efficiently with a production stronger on narrative values than on atmosphere in Richard Hudson's revolving set. There is a touch of the West End musical to the public scenes that, while not entirely inappropriate, tends to dilute the bleakness of Verdi's vision.

But there is also some fine singing, which is what really counts. In recent seasons David Rendall has sometimes had bad luck on first nights; since the ENO cannot easily find substitutes who know roles like Cavaradossi in English, he has often had to go on while plainly under the weather. No such problems on Monday: Rendall was on marvellous form as Don Alvaro, hurling out ringing top notes without ever compromising the essentially lyrical beauty of his tenor or the musicianship that always informs his phrasing. He has surely done nothing better than this.

Janice Cairns has the heroic scale of Leonora easily within her voice, and is fearless in attack. Not everyone responds as I do to her "white" tone, with more than a hint of steely edge when under pressure, but there is a complete lack of artifice to her performance, a transparent honesty of intent that sweeps all reservations aside: the fact that the final scene was so stirring was largely due to her total involvement in the role.

Jonathan Summers returns, in solid voice, to Don Carlo, depicting an essentially decent man's descent into madness more precisely than three years ago, and to terrifying effect. Richard Van Allan is the grave Father Superior, and Anne-Marie Owens the irrepressibly bouncy Preziosilla — more sympathetic accompaniments might have helped her to voice the role more exactly. When are we going to hear her first Amneris, or Eboli? I can hardly wait.

A solidly satisfying *Forza*, then, but I wish that (as in Glasgow) ENO would investigate the original Petersburg ordering of the battle scene. It works so much better.

The Force of Destiny
Coliseum

Janice Cairns, "fearless in attack" as Leonora, and David Rendall, who has "surely done nothing better" than his Don Alvaro in *The Force of Destiny*

WORLD MUSIC: The unadulterated buzz of *cumbia* finds a ready market

Colombia's most uplifting export

Toto la Momposina
Queen Elizabeth Hall

IT IS not the fault of Toto La Momposina that she is less well-known to us than Celina González or Celia Cruz, the two most conspicuous of that endearing tribe of brassy and sumptuous Latin-American women singers of a certain age. For Toto has the purest voice of all, which she dedicates to the defence of the Colombian *cumbia* at its most authentic.

Cumbia is in its element on Colombia's Caribbean coast. A musical form of graceful syncopation, it is composed of indigenous, African and Spanish ingredients. In recent years, though, it has suffered from a depressing degree of commercialisation. Toto, in her robust manner, has fought an untiring crusade for the purity of this largely rural musical form. She made few concessions to her buzzing audience on Friday, adhering always to traditional rhythmic patterns and remaining faithful only to *cumbia*'s own instruments.

The central elements in the first part of her performance were the *gaitas*, the rasping reed flutes that are not often used by others who today perform in the *cumbia* idiom. That the *gaita* is still played on the major stage in Colombia is a tribute to Toto and her endeavours.

The lady herself was a compelling sight, dressed in a riot of flounced fabric. Her ensemble of drummers, *gaita* players and guitarists all wore starched white linen shirts with the distinctive *sombrero volteao* of rustic Colombia perched at a jaunty angle.

Toto danced to her own music with the sensual grace of a woman forever in her prime, no more so than in her brilliant burst of *La candela viva*. And as her band lit up a *porro* — the bigger, brighter cousin of the *cumbia* — she sang of how this music tasted to her of "rum and yucca, melon and *chicharron*".

Later, when Toto chose to pay homage to Cuba and its influence on all music in the Caribbean, the air turned electric. With *Carmelina*, the treble guitar yielded its honeyed sounds, as the *cencerro*, or cowbell — that most distinctive of Cuban percussive instruments — was pounded with insistent passion. Silverio Simpson and his trumpet almost stole the show from Toto, but she ruled the stage to the end.

TUNKU VARADARAJAN

ROCK

Dancing in the dark

Tindersticks
Forum, NW6

THE band's reputation for being downbeat precedes it, so much so that some members of the security team manning the Forum's doors on Monday night had discovered the potential for a joke. "Cheer up, mate — your ticket might be invalid," one was telling a particularly earnest-looking but puzzled youth at the moment I arrived.

Inside, though, the atmosphere was remarkably light, given that we were waiting for the arrival on stage of Tindersticks, preferred choice of those who find even Portishead too cheery to provide a sympathetic soundtrack to life in the run-up to the millennium. But while they may not tell jokes between songs, any band that names its two LPs *The First* and *The Second Tindersticks Album* has to be credited with some sense of humour.

More than that, though, the Nottingham six-piece has an innate feel for those lush pastures where melancholia meets melodrama. This lent a late-1960s feel to much of the set with which they closed a short but well-attended British tour. There were echoes of John Barry and Burt Bacharach to some of their arrangements, even — courtesy of guest player Terry Edwards — of Herb Alpert's trumpet in its more muted and mournful moments. And it was against this background that singer Stuart Staples unfurled his impossibly deep and caressing voice. Like Bryan Ferry in a cheap suit and without the pretensions to elegance, he was a mesmerising presence. Young couples swayed together to his words, lads with pint glasses stared open-mouthed.

The received wisdom is that all Tindersticks songs — and with each album exceeding 70 minutes there are a lot of them — sound more or less the same and that all are deeply gloomy. Here, though, essential differences were exposed, and in some cases a relative jauntiness was allowed to shine through. *Marbles*, a distant first single, remains a minor classic, while the most recent 45, *No More Affairs*, showed itself to be perhaps the most darkly seductive release of the year so far. And there was much more to enjoy besides. Enjoy? At a Tindersticks gig? No wonder the doormen were speechless by the end.

ALAN JACKSON

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

DEALER'S CHOICE: Patrick Marber's fascinating poker drama makes a well deserved transfer from the National Theatre. Funny one-liners abound, along with perceptions of the roots of gambling
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS: Opening night too for Joe Dowling's all-Irish production of O'Casey, acclaimed on tour and in London for six weeks.
Garrick, Charing Cross Rd, WC2 (0171-494 5510). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Until June 10

KING ARTHUR. What has to be one of the Purcell tercentenary's most spectacular events is, of course, virtually sold out. Sixty-five £29 seats, at the top of the amphitheatre, are available on the day of performance, one per person from 10am at the box office.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (0171-304 4000). Tonight, Thurs and Fri, 6.30pm 🅂

ANNE-SOPHIE'S SERIES: The magnificent violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter opens a brief series with the Philharmonia Orchestra tonight with a programme of Hindemith and Beethoven and the UK premiere of Rihm's *Time Chant: Music for violin and orchestra*
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then May 5, 8 and 11. 🅂

ELSEWHERE

CAMBRIDGE. Ann Mackay takes the title role for a staged performance of **Partenope** by the Cambridge Handel Opera Group. It is the sixth in a projected biennial series of Handel, performed in English with most of the soloists having already cut their teeth with national opera companies. The director is Richard Gregson, whose most recent work at the Royal Opera House was a revival of *La Bohème* earlier this year
West Road Concert Hall (01223 352001). Tonight-Thurs, Sat-Sun, 7pm

CARDIFF: **Felicity Lott** continues her seasonally floral themed recital series with pianist Graham Johnson. Music from, among others, Schumann, Wolf, Saint-Saëns, Gounod, Chabrier, Fauré, Britten and Berners for one of only four UK dates as part of their European tour.
St David's Hall, The Hayes (01222 371236). Tonight, 7.30pm. 🅂

BIRMINGHAM: In a day that heavily favours female soloists, Imogen Cooper also joins the **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra** for a programme of Strauss's *Don Juan*, Mozart's Piano Concerto No 21 in C and *Lemminkäinen Legends* from Sibelius. Sakari Oramo conducts
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (0121-212 3333). Tonight, 7.30pm. 🅂

CHICHESTER: First night of previews for Leo McKern and Nichola McAuliffe in Harold Brighouse's warm-hearted comedy, **Hobson's Choice**. Directed by Frank Hauser.
Festival, Oaklands Park (01243 781312). Previews tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm; May 10, 7.30pm. Opens May 11; then in rep with *Hadrian VII* until July 20. 🅂

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Impressionism in Britain, final week (0171-638-4141) . . . **British Museum**: Contemporary Chinese Painting (0171-636 1555) . . . **Crafts Council**. Out of This World: Influence of Nature in Craft and Design 1880-1995 (071-278 7700) . . . **National Gallery**: Gombrich on Shadows; Spanish Still Life: from Velásquez to Goya (0171-839 3321) . . . **National Portrait Gallery**: The Road from 1945 (0171-306 0055) **Royal Academy**: Odilon Redon (0171-439 7438) . . . **Tate**: Willem de Kooning, final week (0171-887 8000) . . . **V & A**: Prints of the Raphael Cartoons (0171-938 8500)

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☐ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'**. Exhilaratin' song 'n' dance show created from the hits of Fats Waller. Non-stop energy on feet.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **CASEMENT**: Corin Redgrave in the title role of Alex Ferguson's play. The public servant who exposed colonialist horrors in the Congo and was executed to preserve British rule in Ireland.
Riverside Studio 2, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2255). Tonight-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 4.30pm.

☐ ***DESIGN FOR LIVING***. Rachel Weisz, Rupert Graves and Marcus D'Amico in Coward's *menage à trois* comedy. Sean Mathias's award-winner, with even more sexual rough and tumble than at the Donmar.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm 🅂

◪ **THE DUCHESS OF MALFI**. Juliet Stevenson and Simon Russell Beale in Webster's tragedy of incest, murder and the borderland of the mind. Philip Franks directs Greenwich Theatre's sell-out success.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1746). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

◪ **INDIAN INK**. Felicity Kendal, Art Malik and Margaret Tyzack in Tom Stoppard's latest, wittily, poignantly, exploring aspects of Anglo-Indian resentments and respect
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ ***THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE***. Miriam Margolyes plays the tweedy soap heroine in Frank Marcus's excellent comedy with a bite. Serena Evans and Josephine Tewson play her treacherous companion and boss.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (0171-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5.30pm.

☐ **ONE FINE DAY**. Joe McGann's compelling performance as a devoted dad caught up in a child-abuse case. Dennis Lumborg's engrossing one-man play.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. Final week.

☐ **TIME AND THE ROOM**. German season opens with latest play by Botho Strauss, angry critic of his country's materialist priorities. A young woman tries to find herself in something called the neurotic maze of modern Europe; Lisa Forrell directs.
Gate, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706). Previews tonight and tomorrow; opens Fri, all at 7.30pm. Until May 27.

☐ **TWELFTH NIGHT**. Ian Judge's delightful production, with Desmond Barrit as Malvolio and Emma Fielding as Viola, both irresistible
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm, Thurs, 2pm and 7.15pm. 🅂

◪ **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE**: David Thacker's acclaimed production, with Bernard Hill superb as the NY longshoreman consumed by unspeakable love for his niece.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 2pm, Sat and Sun, 3pm.

☐ **WOMEN OF TROY**: Good acting in this Euripides but a concern to emphasise modern relevance saps the power. Jane Birkin and Rosemary Harris lead the women.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm, Thurs, 2pm and 7.15pm 🅂

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-867 1044) . . ☐ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (0171-839 5972) . . ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) . . . ☐ **Mama I Want to Sing**: Cambridge (0171-494 5080) . . . ☐ **My Night With Reg**: Criterion (0171-839 4488) . . ◪ **A Passionate Woman**: Comedy (0171-369 1731) ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) . . . ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

CAPTIVES (15): Romance in a prison dentist's surgery. Modest British film that loses its way in melodrama, with Tim Roth and Julia Ormond. Director, Angela Pope.
MGM Haymarket (0171-839 1527) **Warner** 🅂 (0171-437 4343)

EXOTICA (18): Inventive variations on the theme of voyeurism from quirky Canadian director Atom Egoyan. With Bruce Greenwood, Mia Kirshner
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030)

EYES WITHOUT A FACE (18): Welcome revival of Georges Franju's haunting horror film about skin grafting, made in 1959. With Pierre Brasseur, Alida Valli, Edith Scob
ICA 🅂 (0171-930 3647)

◆ **LEGENDS OF THE FALL** (15): Bogus epic about a Montana family early in the century. With Brad Pitt, Aidan Quinn, Anthony Hopkins, Julia Ormond and Henry Thomas. Director, Edward Zwick.
Barbican 🅂 (0171-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** 🅂 (0171-727 6705) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426 915683) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0171-792 3332)

THIN ICE (12): Gauche but sweet British film about lesbian ice-skaters. Fiona Cunningham Reid directs Charlotte Avery and Sabra Williams
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148)

CURRENT

BEFORE SUNRISE (15): Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy walk and talk in Vienna. Risky, endearing film from *Slacker* director Richard Linklater.
Odeon West End (01426-915 574)

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN (18): A decent transfer of Ariel Dorfman's play, but a cramped, impersonal film for Roman Polanski. With Sigourney Weaver, Ben Kingsley, Stuart Wilson
Curzon West End (0171-369 1722) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Screen/Hill** 🅂 (0171-435 3366)

◆ **THE LITTLE RASCALS** (U): Tame adventures of innocent imps, based on the *Our Gang* shorts. Penelope Spheeris directs a difficult child cast
UCI Whiteleys 🅂 (0171-792 3332) **Warner** 🅂 (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE** (PG): Nigel Hawthorne reigns supreme as Alan Bennett's tormented monarch. A fine film transfer by stage director Nicholas Hytner, with Helen Mirren and Ian Holm
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Curzon Phoenix** (0171-369 1721) **MGMs: Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772)

UCI Whiteleys 🅂 (0171-792 3332) **Warner** 🅂 (0171-437 4343)

◆ **NOBODY'S FOOL** (15): Endearing slice of small-town Americana, with Paul Newman, Melanie Griffith, Bruce Willis and Jessica Tandy. Writer-director, Robert Benton.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** 🅂 (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

◆ **ONCE WERE WARRIORS** (18): Forceful New Zealand tale of Maori culture ravaged by the urban ghetto. Lee Tamahori directs a powerful cast.
Electric 🅂 (0171-792 2020) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Warner** 🅂 (0171-437 4343)

◆ **OUTBREAK** (18): Taut virus thriller that turns silly. With Dustin Hoffman and Rene Russo and Morgan Freeman. Director, Wolfgang Petersen.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** 🅂 (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0171-792 3332) **Warner** 🅂 (0171-437 4343)

◆ **PULP FICTION** (18): Quentin Tarantino's flamboyant crime epic weaves together three tales from the LA underworld. With John Travolta, Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson.
MGM Trocadero 🅂 (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0171-792 3332) **Warner** 🅂 (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION**. How to survive long decades in prison. Engrossing drama with Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman.
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** 🅂 (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Plaza** 🅂 (0800 888997)

ART GALLERIES

PARKIN GALLERY, George Hooper 1910-1994 Memorial exhibition. 11 Motcomb St SW1. Tel 0171 235 8144.

SPINK, Annual Exhibition of English Watercolours & Drawings. 19 April - 19 May. Mon-Fri, 9-5.30, Tues 9-7.30. 5 King Street, SW1

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM 0171 632 8300 (24hr) ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Tomor 7.00 COSI FAN TUTTE

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 0171 304 4000 for Box Off & Standby info. Tickets avail on the day. The Royal Opera Ton't, Tomor, Fri 6.30 (only three nights) KING ARTHUR. The Royal Ballet Sat, Tue 7.30 STRAVINSKY STAGED. Mon 7.30 Forsythe's FIRSTEXT / STEPTEXT /Tetley's LA RONDE/Ashton's RHAPSODY.

THEATRES

CAMBRIDGE BO & cc 0171 494 5054 cc (no bkg fee) 312 1992/ 344 4444 Grps 413 3321/ 312 1970 FAME THE MUSICAL Reduced Price Prevs from 16 June

THE GREEN ROOM at the Cafe Royal London's Premier Cabaret and Nightclub BUDDY GRECO 25 April - 13 May 1995 RESIDENT BAND, BAR AND DANCING UNTIL 3AM Tues- Sat Dinner from 7pm. Cabaret approx 9.15pm. Dinner & Cabaret £48, Cabaret only £20. For bookings please call 0171 437 9090

ADELPHI "ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S MASTERPIECE" Wall St Journal SUNSET BOULEVARD Starring ELAINE PAIGE and JOHN BARROWMAN 24HR CREDIT CARD BOOKINGS CALL 0171 344 0055 (bkg fee) GRP BOOKING 413 3302 (bkg fee) NO BOOKING FEE FOR PERSONAL CALLERS AT THE ADELPHI BOX OFFICE Recorded information 0171 379 8884 Mon-Sat 7.45 Mats Thur & Sat 3.00

ALBERY BO 0171 369 1730 cc 0171 344 4444 (no bkg fee) THEY'RE BACK!! The Brand New Production of FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE With the hit international company The joint's jumpin' again from 18 May Opening Night 25 May

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL SS cc (Bkg fee) 24hr 7 days 0171 494 5000/344 4444/420 0000 Grps 312 6000/494 5454 MISS SAIGON "THE CLASSIC LOVE STORY OF OUR TIME" NOW IN ITS 6TH SENSATIONAL YEAR! Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3pm Good seats avail for Wed Mat & some perfs - apply B.O. FOR TELEPHONE/POSTAL BOOKINGS & PERSONAL CALLERS 0171 494 5060 (BKG FEE)

ALBERY WC2 369 1730/344 4444 JOE McGANN is "AN UTTER TRIUMPH" Spectator ONE FINE DAY "An exhilarating triumph" D.Mail "Funny, Moving, Wise and Generous-Hearted" D.Tel Eves 8pm. Mats Thur 3, Sat 5 LAST WEEK!

ALDWYCH cc 0171 416 6003 0171 420 0000 (no fee) Evgs 7.30, Mats Wed & Sat 3.0 FELICITY KENDAL MARGARET TYZACK & ART MALIK in INDIAN INK "TOM STOPPARDS TRIUMPH - A BEAUTIFUL AND FUNNY FIREBALL OF A PLAY TO ILLUMINATE THE WEST END" Today. Directed by PETER WOOD

AMBASSADORS 836 6111/ 836 1171 cc 420 0000/344 4444 (No Fees) "A glowing, moving and utterly hilarious evening" Sunday Times MIRIAM MARGOLYES JOSEPHINE TEWSON SERENA EVANS THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE FRANK MARCUS' COMEDY 'One can only cheer... and salute' Daily Mail Eves 8, Mats Thur 3, Sat 5.30 & 8.30

APOLLO VICTORIA cc 0171 416 6043 cc 24hrs 0171 344 4444/0171 420 0000 Grps 0171 416 6075/ 413 3321 Andrew Lloyd Webber's New production of STARLIGHT EXPRESS "A REBORN THEATRICAL DELIGHT" Daily Mail White knuckle runs 19.45 daily Tue & Sat 15.00 Tickets from £12.50

APOLLO 0171 494 5068/ 344 4444 PETER BOWLES LISA HARROW In TERENCE RATTIGAN'S IN PRAISE OF LOVE "A SUBLIME JOY" D.Mail "UNMISSABLE" Today Eves 8pm, Mat Thurs 3pm, Sat 5pm

ST MARTIN'S 0171 836 1443 (no bkg fee) 0171 497 9977 (bkg fee) Groups 0171 312 1994 (no bkg fee) Eves 8, Tues 2.45, Sat 5 & 8 43rd Year of Agatha Christie's THE MOUSETRAP

COMEDY BO 0171 369 1731 cc 344 4444 Grps 413 3321 THE MOST ACCLAIMED COMEDY OF THE YEAR STEPHANIE COLE "Dazzlingly special" Daily Mail A PASSIONATE WOMAN By KAY MELLOR Directed by NED SHERRIN Tue-Sat 8pm, Mats Wed 3pm, Sat & Sun 4pm.

CRITERION THEATRE 0171 839 4488/0171 344 4444/420 0000 ★ BEST COMEDY ★ Olivier Awards Evening Standard Awards MY NIGHT WITH REG by Kevin Elyot David Bamber Best Actor - Olivier Awards Eves 8pm Wed & Sat Mats 4pm EXTENDED DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND. Cast Changes 13 May.

DOMINION Ticketlines 0171 416 6060/ 0171 402 0000 (bkg fee). Grps 0171 416 6075/413 3321/420 0200 GREASE Starring SHANE RICHIE and SAMANTHA JANUS "Fast, furious & fun, fun, fun." Daily Mirror Eves 7.30, Mats Wed & Sat 3pm SOME GREAT SEATS AVAILABLE MON - THUR TODAY & TOMOR THE ROLE OF DANNY ZUKO WILL BE PLAYED BY RICHARD CALKIN.

DUCHESS cc 0171 494 5070 cc 344 4444 (no bkg fee)/836 2428 (bkg fee) 0171-413 3321 Eves 8pm, Wed mat 3pm, Sat 5pm & 8.30 "A SAUCY COMEDY" E. Std NOW IN ITS 5th YEAR DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER "Gloriously Outrageous" T.Out

CAMBRIDGE THEATRE 0171 494 5080 CC 437 9977/344 4444 (24hrs 7 days, bkg fee) New York's smash hit musical MAMA, I WANT TO SING Starring MICA PARIS from 1 May "blazes hot & electric" E.Std Mon-Thurs 7.45pm, FRI 5.30PM & 8.15PM, Sat 3pm & 7.45pm Fri 5.30pm only all tkts £12.50

FINBOROUGH 0171 373 3842 FUNCTION OF THE ORGASM Gdn International Award Winner Tues-Sun 8pm, Tube: Earls Court.

FORTUNE BO & CC 071 836 2238 CC 497 9977 (24hrs No fee) 344 4444 (No fee)/ Grps 413 3321 "A FEAST OF THEATRICALITY" D.Mail JOHN NORMINGTON MICHAEL GRANDAGE Susan Hill's THE WOMAN IN BLACK Adapted by Stephen Mallatratt Mon-Sat 8pm, Mats Tues 3pm & Sat 4pm

GARRICK 0171 494 5510 CC 0171 344 4444/420 0000 Limited Season Until 10 June Joe Dowling's celebrated Irish production of THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS by Sean O'Casey Eves 7.45, Sat Mat 2.30 Press Night Tonight 7.00

GIELGUD 0171 494 5065/344 4444 Rupert Graves Rachel Weisz Marcus D'Amico & Nicholas Clay In NOEL COWARD'S DESIGN FOR LIVING Dir by SEAN MATHIAS "TRIUMPHANT" Daily Mail Eves 7.45, Thur & Sat Mats 3pm FINAL 6 WEEKS OF LONDON'S MOST SENSATIONAL PRODUCTION

HAYMARKET BO/CC 0171-930 8800 24 hr cc with fee 344 4444/420 0000 Evenings 7.30, Mats Wed & Sat 2.30 Dearbhla Molloy Paul Shelley The National Theatre production of Tom Stoppard's "MASTERPIECE" D.Telegraph ARCADIA Directed by Trevor Nunn BEST PLAY OF THE YEAR Eve Standard Drama Award 1993 Laurence Olivier Award 1993/94 LAST 5 WEEKS ENDS JUNE 3

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LONDON PALLADIUM BO/CC 0171 494 5020/344 4444 (£1 tkt serv chg) 420 0000 Grps 0171 413 3321 JONATHAN PRYCE in OLIVER! "LIONEL BART'S MASTERPIECE YOU CAN'T ASK FOR MORE" S.Times Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.30 CHECK WITH B.O FOR RETURNS & CANCELLATIONS

LYRIC Shafts Ave BO & cc 0171 494 5045 cc 416 6066 Grps 494 5454/416 6075/413 3321/ 312 1970/420 0200 "FIVE STAR ENTERTAINMENT" S.Times AIN'T MISBEHAVIN' "An evening of stomping, tapping, exuberant song & dance" Times "PURE GENIUS...TAKES YOUR BREATH AWAY" D.Mail Eves 8pm Mats Thur 3pm Sat 5pm

NATIONAL THEATRE BO 0171 928 2252: Grps 0171 620 0741 24hr cc bkg fee 0171 420 0000 OLIVIER Ton't 7.15, Tomor 2.00 & 7.15 WOMEN OF TROY Euripides in a translation by Kenneth McLeish. LYTTELTON Ton't (SIGN-INTERPRETED PERFORMANCE), Tomor 8.00 Peter Brook's THE MAN WHO inspired from the book by Oliver Sacks. COTTESLOE Ton't (PREVIEW) 7.30, Tomor (PRESS NIGHT) 7.00 SKYLIGHT David Hare

VAUDEVILLE 0171 836 9987 cc 420 0000 (No Fees) OPENS TONIGHT DIRECT FROM SELL OUT SUCCESS AT THE NATIONAL THEATRE DEALER'S CHOICE by PATRICK MARBER Evgs 7.45 Sats 5.0, 8.15 Mats Wed 3.0

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 BO 0171 405 0072 CC 0171 404 4079 24hr 344 4444/420 0000 Grps 930 6123 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER/ T.S. ELIOT INTERNATIONAL AWARD-WINNING MUSICAL CATS Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.00 LATECOMERS NOT ADMITTED WHILE AUDITORIUM IS IN MOTION, PLEASE BE PROMPT. Bars open at 6.45 No Perfs Mon 1 May - Wed 10 May Incl. Seats avail for re-opening gala. Please apply to box office.

OPEN AIR THEATRE Regents Park S 0171 486 2431 cc 0171 486 1933/0171 344 4444 (Bkg Fee) RICHARD III Prevs from May 26 A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM Joins rep June 12. THE MUSIC MAN Joins rep July 25 BOOK NOW!

PALACE THEATRE 0171-434 0909 cc 24hrs (bkg fee) 0171-344 4444/420 0000 Group Sales 0171 930 6123 Groups 0171 494 1671 THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR MUSICAL LES MISERABLES Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL. DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE

PHOENIX BO/CC 0171 369 1733 /344 4444/420 0000 (fee) BEST MUSICAL ALL 4 MAJOR AWARDS WILLY RUSSELL'S BLOOD BROTHERS STEPHANIE LAWRENCE "ASTONISHING" S Express ...Brings the audience to its feet, and roaring its approval" D Mail Eves 7.45 Mats Thurs 3 Sat 4

PICCADILLY 369 1734/344 4444 "BEST NEW MUSICAL IN TOWN...BRILLIANT" M.o.S. ONLY THE LONELY THE ROY ORBISON STORY "ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC" Capital Radio Tue-Thu 8, Fri 5.15 & 8.15 Sat 5 & 8.30 Sun 4 ALL SEATS 1/2 PRICE FRI 5.15 PERF NB: SUNDAY MATINEE AT 4PM

PRINCE EDWARD 0171 734 8951 cc (24hr no-bkg fee) First Call 420 0100 / 0171 344 4444 Groups 930 6123. BEST MUSICAL Laurence Olivier Awards 93 ALL SINGING ALL DANCING ALL GERSHWIN CRAZY FOR YOU "IS A GREAT, GLORIOUS, GLAMOROUS GOLDMINE OF A SHOW" S.Times Eves 7.45, Mats Thu & Sat 3.00 GOOD SEATS AVAILABLE THIS WEEK

PRINCE OF WALES 0171 839 5987/420 0232/416 6020/344 4444 Grp's 0171 413 3321 Barry Manilow's *COPACABANA* 'An Evening of Pure Delight' D.Mail The Hit Musical Starring DARREN DAY 'Nothing Can Possibly Top This' D.Tel *COPACABANA* 'The Entire Audience was on it's feet' Eves 8pm, Mats Wed & Sat 3pm Group discounts available SEATS NOW AVAILABLE

RIVERSIDE 0171 420 0100 or 0181 741 2255. FINAL WEEK OF: 'Extraordinarily powerful' Ind THE LIBERATION OF SKOPJE with Vanessa Redgrave & Rade Serbedzija CASEMENT 'Strongly recommended' Ind WATERFALL 'Brilliant...not to be missed' Gdn NEXT PRODUCTIONS: From 9 May Al-Kasaba Company in THE IMMIGRANTS/THE OPTIMIST (in Arabic) From 11 May Edelgard Schall in ANTIGONE (in German)

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY LONDON (0171 638 8891) BARBICAN: TWELFTH NIGHT Today 2.00 & 7.15 THE PIT: AFTER EASTER Today 2.00 & 7.15 STRATFORD (01789 295623) RST: ROMEO AND JULIET Today 1.30 & 7.30 SWAN: THE DEVIL IS AN ASS Today 1.30 & 7.30

QUEEN'S 494 5041 cc 420 0000/344 4444 Groups 930 6123 EXPLOSIVE DANCE, COOL JAZZ HOT MIKADO Previews from 18 May, Opens 24 May

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY LONDON (0171 638 8891) BARBICAN: TWELFTH NIGHT Ton't 7.15 THE PIT: AFTER EASTER Ton't 7.15 STRATFORD (01789 295623) RST: THE TAMING OF THE SHREW Ton't 7.30 SWAN: THE RELAPSE Ton't 7.30

SADLER'S WELLS 0171 713 6000 UK DEBUT of LES BALLETS DE MONTE CARLO 2-6 May 7.30pm (6 May 2.30pm) Gala Performance 3 May 7.15pm

SAVOY 0171 836 8888 cc 24hr/7 days no bkg fee 420 0000 Grps 413 3321/312 8000. Winner 5 1995 Laurence Olivier Musical Awards JOHN GORDON SINCLAIR RUTHIE HENSHALL BEST ACTOR BEST ACTRESS BEST DIRECTOR BEST SUPPORTING PERF BEST MUSICAL REVIVAL SHE LOVES ME BEST MUSICAL Critics Circle Award Mon-Sat 7.45. Mats Wed & Sat 3.00

SHAFTESBURY BO 0171 379 5399 cc 24hr 344 4444 Grps 930 6123 GORDEN KAYE RUE McCLANAHAN HARVEY by MARY CHASE Dir by CLIFFORD WILLIAMS Prevs 16/17 May Opens 18 May FOR A LIMITED SEASON

STRAND 0171 930 8800 or 0171 344 4444/497 9977 24hrs/no bkg fee DAVID THACKER'S 'SUPERLATIVE PRODUCTION' D.Exp ARTHUR MILLER'S 'HEARTSTOPPING DRAMA' Mail A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE BERNARD HILL 'A TOUR DE FORCE' Today Tue-Sat 7.45. Mats Thu 2.0, Sat/Sun 3.0

DUKE OF YORK'S 0171 836 5122/9837 CC 497 9977/344 4444 (no fee) Robin Cousins Nicholas Parsons Star in Richard O'Brien's THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW "so funny, so fast, so sexy" D.Mail Opens 17th May

VICTORIA PALACE Box Off & cc (No bkg fee) 0171 834 1317 CC (bkg fee) 0171-344 4444/420 0000 Groups 0171 413 3321/0171 930 6123 * BUDDY * The Buddy Holly Story "BRILLIANT" Sun * BUDDY * "WONDERFUL STUFF" Sun Tel * BUDDY * Mon-Thur 8.00 Fri 5.30 & 8.30 Sat 5.00 & 8.30. ALL SEATS ½ PRICE FRIDAY 5.30 PERF 6TH STUNNING YEAR OVER 2,200 PERFORMANCES Booking to the year 2000!

WHITEHALL 0171 369 1735/344 4444 'A THRILLER WITH AN INGENIOUS TWIST' E.Std Keith Baxter Joan Bohl Rula Lenska Susan Penhaligon Christopher Timothy in DANGEROUS CORNER by JB Priestley 'PACKS A THRILLING THEATRICAL PUNCH' D.Tel Eves 8pm, Mats Wed 3pm, Sat 5pm ENDS SAT - PRIOR TO TOUR

WYNDHAMS 0171 369 1746 cc (no bkg fee) 0171 344 4444 JULIET STEVENSON "FUNNY, SEXY... HEARTBREAKING...MOVING" D.Tel SIMON RUSSELL BEALE ROBERT GLENISTER THE DUCHESS OF MALFI by John Webster 'PHILIP FRANKS PRODUCTION...IS COMPELLING' Eve Std. Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 3.00

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■ SUMMER 1

Our critics' choice of summer delights includes Sylvie Guillem with the Kirov in London

■ SUMMER 2

... and the great soprano Anja Silja who ages 300 years for *The Makropoulos Case* at Glyndebourne

THE TIMES ARTS

■ SUMMER 3

... while Fiona Shaw tests even her prodigious acting powers with a portrayal of Richard II

■ SUMMER 4

... and a new costume epic, *Jefferson in Paris*, comes stylishly wrapped by Merchant-Ivory

From *Batman Forever* to Glyndebourne's rare Rossini: *Times* critics offer a guide to coming attractions

Tips for the top summer shows

CINEMA

ANYONE wishing to give their brains a good summer holiday will be well catered for in the cinema. In mid-July, Sylvester Stallone will grind into action in **Judge Dredd**, the sci-fi comic spin-off set in a 22nd-century world where judges rule the roost (no trials, no lawyers). The film marks young British director Danny Cannon's leap into the big time. One week earlier, **Batman Forever** will be unveiled, with Val Kilmer replacing Michael Keaton as the Caped Crusader, though Jim Carrey as The Riddler will probably steal the picture. And round the corner lies Bruce Willis and **Die Hard 3**.

Luckily, the summer diet contains other things beside Hollywood blockbusters. Scottish blockbusters, for instance. In **Rob Roy** (May 19) you can marvel at Liam Neeson's kilted legs, gaze at the scenery, enjoy Tim Roth's sneering fop — the film's chief baddie — and ponder why so much of the story about the Highland hero fails to catch fire.

For more rarefied spectacle, there is only one choice: **Jefferson in Paris** (Jun 2), from the Merchant-Ivory team. Thomas Jefferson spent five eventful years as ambassador to France in the period before the French Revolution, though it remains to be seen whether James Ivory's meticulous hands will extract all available drama. Jefferson is portrayed by Nick Nolte, not usually seen in period clothes. Greta Scacchi, the perennial screen flirt, treads more familiar ground as Maria, the available wife of a British painter. Gorgeous costumes, of course, can be guaranteed; and the locations include Versailles.

We stay in France for the season's perfect art-house trifle, **D'Artagnan's Daughter** (Jul 7). This costume romp from Bertrand Tavernier gives the swashbuckling genre a gentle goosing, but leaves the key ingredients intact: swordplay, fisticuffs, intrigue, likeable characters with sharp tongues. Sophie Marceau plays d'Artagnan's spunky offspring, who suspects a plot against the future king.

Another, quirkier delight is Tim Burton's hugely endearing **Ed Wood** (May 26), a masterly recreation of the messy life and inept oeuvre of the transvestite director of *Plan 9 from Outer Space*. Wood's impersonator, Johnny Depp, turns up trumps again in Jeremy Leven's **Don Juan DeMarco** (May 19), an imperfect but charming off-beat fable with Marlon Brando.

In the midst of everything, **Cannes**, the world's premiere film festival, begins on May 17. Among British contenders, Terence Davies goes beyond autobiography in **The Neon Bible**; Ken Loach explores the Spanish Civil War in **Land and Freedom**; while Christopher Hampton, writer-turned-director, offers **Carrington**, starring Emma Thompson as the androgynous painter who became embroiled with Bloomsbury luminary Lytton Strachey. You have been warned.

GEOFF BROWN

RAQUEL WELCH recently said that she could hear the knives being sharpened for her in London; but it seems unlikely that their cold grey steel and her warm white throat will make contact. Though the off-chance of a West End slot persists, her unevenly starred tour as Shaw's **Millionairess** may well come quietly to an end this week in Bath. Those with a taste for American megastars must wait for Lauren Bacall, who plays an even wealthier woman in Dürrenmatt's **Visit** at Chichester in September.

Before then, the local ladies are hardly inactive. Vanessa Redgrave has her third go at Shakespeare's **Cleopatra** — a role she played as a tipsy flapper in 1973 and more formidably 13 years later — at Riverside on June 1. The next evening a stranger phenomenon than a 58-year-old Queen of the Nile materialises at the Cottesloe. The annals are full of female Hamlets, but Fiona Shaw as **Richard II** is surely a professional first.

We are also promised Judi Dench in Rodney Ackland's portrait of 1940s bohemianism, **Absolute Hell** (Lyttelton, May 23), and Frances de la Tour in Frisch's parable about Nazism, **The Fire Raisers** (Riverside, May 30). On the male side, Alex Jennings's prim, vulnerable Angelo in **Measure for Measure** and Toby Stephens's supercilious **Coriolanus** (Barbican, Jun 7 and Aug 10 respectively) can safely be recommended after proving themselves at Stratford last year.

But several new performances inspire confidence, notably Michael Gambon as Jonson's **Volpone** (Olivier, Jul 27), Alan Howard in Eduardo de Filippo's **Grande Magia** (Lyttelton, Jul 13) and, more oddly, Brian Cox as Meredith Wilson's swindling **Music Man** in what looks like being a lively summer at the Open Air in Regent's Park (Jul 26).

Actually the great Gambon, away from the National for eight years, returns to the Cottesloe tomorrow in David Hare's **Skylight**, which concerns confused loves in a wintry London. New plays by established writers also include Michael Frayn's timely **Now You Know** (Hampstead, Jul 19), about a charity exposing government secrets, and Alan Ayckbourn's **Communicating Doors** (West End, August), a comedy-thriller that cuts between 1995, 1975 and a 2015 in which Balkan wars have broken out in London.

With Derek Jacobi, Ian Richardson, Leo McKern and new plays from two Ronalds, Harwood and Hayman, among the summer arrivals, the **Chichester Festival** has a stronger-than-usual look. The RSC will want to improve on a shaky start in Stratford this year with Adrian Noble's **Cherry Orchard** (Jul 4) and Peter Hall's **Julius Caesar** (Jul 5). Terry Hands directs a centenary **Importance of Being Earnest** at Birmingham Rep (May 30), Steven Berkoff plays **Coriolanus** in West Yorkshire (May 16), Eddie Izzard is Marlowe's **Edward II** at the Haymarket, Leicester (May 23).

The **Edinburgh Festival's** theatre-imports division is much in debt to Glasgow and Berlin. Schiller's *Don Carlos* and an adaptation of Alasdair Gray's novel, *Lanark*, come just 50 miles along the M8; two plays by Sacha Guitry and Peter Zadek's *Merchant of Venice* make the longer trip. But I have a feeling the hit may be Frank McGuinness's *Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme*. What could be more topical than a play about Irish sacrifice in a dubious cause?

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

VISUAL ART

THE most provocative of the summer art shows promises to be at the **Tate** where 11 international artists make up a show called *Rites of Passage* (Jun 15-Sept 3). War, Aids, violence and ecological disaster are some of the issues they explore, with sexuality and religion for good measure. The contributors range from the venerable dead (Joseph Beuys) and the sprightly octogenarian (Louise Bourgeois) to younger artists like Mona Hatoum, Bill Viola and Robert Gober.

But nothing can shake the insatiable British appetite for Impressionism. All the familiar names, from Monet and Renoir to Degas and Toulouse-Lautrec, are included in the **Royal Academy's** round-up of masterpieces from Swiss private collections (Jun 30-Oct 8). Highlights of the show, simply called *From Manet to Gauguin*, are familiar paintings by Van Gogh, Pissarro and Cézanne.

A more novel way of looking at the Impressionist era is offered by the **Hayward** (May 18-Aug 13). Taking the theme of *Landscapes of France*, John House has organised a ground-breaking survey which places all the celebrated names in the context of painters shown at the Paris Salon. The artists who exhibited there were often Impressionism's arch-rivals, and their work has never been brought together in this quantity. But the Salon showed unconventional art as well, closer in sympathy with the achievements of Monet and Cézanne.

A fresh look at the figurative tradition in 20th-century art dominates the main international event of the season, the **Venice Biennale** (Jun 11-Oct 15). Jean Clair, its visual arts director, is curating a huge survey tracing the history of the human body from 1895 to 1995. One of the contemporary stars of Clair's exhibition, Jörg Immendorf, will be shown in greater depth at the **Barbican** (Jun 1-Aug 27). Ever since the late 1970s, Immendorf has been among the most vigorous and provocative of German painters. His new work is inspired by Hogarth's *The Rake's Progress*. So the Barbican show has a strong British flavour, albeit reinterpreted through German eyes.

Although Paul Strand has long been regarded as an outstanding 20th-century photographer, a mass of unknown work has recently come to light. In *Paul Strand: The World on My Doorstep*, at the **Scottish National Portrait Gallery** in Edinburgh (May 26-Jul 9), many of the 150 images have never been exhibited before. The focus is on the last 26 years of his long career, when he moved to France and travelled around Europe and Africa. Scottish viewers will doubtless be fascinated to see the photographs he took in the Hebrides. The geographical breadth of Strand's work was important to him, bearing out his hope that photography would create a "bridge toward a deeper understanding between countries".

RICHARD CORK

Visually stunning Merchant-Ivory fare in *Jefferson in Paris* (top); the RSC's staging of *Coriolanus* transfers to the Barbican (above left); *Red Room (The Parent)*, 1994 by Louise Bourgeois will be shown in *Rites of Passage* at the Tate (left); and the Kirov Ballet, in *The Fountain of Bakhchisarai* (above), head for the London Coliseum

DANCE

VISITING companies are the star attraction this summer. Top of the list is the **Kirov**, returning to Britain for a five-week season at the London Coliseum (Jul 10) that will see some of the world's finest dancers in a showy array of Russian warhorses: *Swan Lake*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Le Corsaire* and *La Bayadère*. The tastiest offering, though, could be the London premiere of a new production of *The Fountain of Bakhchisarai*, featuring guest artist Sylvie Guillem in the exotic tale of jealousy and revenge.

The week before the Russians arrive, the **Royal Swedish Ballet** takes up residence in the Coliseum (Jul 4-8) where it will present Nureyev's production of *Don Quixote*, recently redesigned for the Swedes by Nadine Baylis. The **Royal Danish Ballet** is also heading this way for the first time in almost 30 years, for a brief run at Covent Garden (two performances only, Aug 31-Sept 1) of Flemming Flindt's *Caroline Mathilde*, the story of George III's tragic sister who was sent to Denmark to marry mad King Christian VII. The ballet has a score by Peter Maxwell Davies.

With the Royal Ballet about to depart on an eight-week tour of the Far East and America, **Birmingham Royal Ballet** moves into the Opera House (May 16-27). BRB is presenting its proud new production of *Coppélia* (by Peter Wright), along with *Pillar of Fire*, Antony Tudor's 1940s study of sexuality and lust. When the **Royal Ballet** returns in the summer, look for Darcey Bussell's debut as Giselle (Jul 26) and her first Covent Garden appearances as Princess Aurora in *The Sleeping Beauty*.

English National Ballet's summer includes a revival of Nureyev's *Romeo and Juliet* (Jul 31, Festival Hall), while **Rambert Dance Company** returns to the Edinburgh Festival Theatre (Jun 28-Jul 1) with new works by Matthew Hawkins (his first for Rambert) and Christopher Bruce, who gives the UK premiere of *Meeting Point*, the piece he is making this month for the San Francisco festival that celebrates the 50th anniversary of the United Nations Charter.

Yet again this year, the **Edinburgh Festival** is fielding an impressive lineup (from Aug 14) with visits by the Mark Morris Dance Group, the Miami City Ballet and Pina Bausch. And controversy is promised with the British premiere (Aug 25) of Bill T. Jones's new piece, *Still/Here*, which includes the use of video testimony from HIV patients.

DEBRA CRAINE

OPERA

ONE of the great events of the summer will happen at **Glyndebourne** on May 22: the first staging in Britain of Rossini's *Ermione*. Based on Racine's *Andromaque*, this grand classical tragedy, years ahead of its time, was a flop in Naples in 1819 and sank without trace until the Pesaro revival of 1987, since when it has been recognised as one of Rossini's greatest operas. Anna Caterina Antonacci sings the title role in Graham Vick's production, and Andrew Davis is the conductor.

Davis also conducts Glyndebourne's second new production of the summer, *The Makropoulos Case* (Jun 28), in which the amazing Anja Silja sings the title role. Revivals of Birtwistle's *The Second Mrs Kong* (May 23) and *The Queen of Spades* (Jul 16) should not lightly be missed.

The last new offering in **Covent Garden**'s main season is *Billy Budd* (May 30), in the much admired production by Francesca Zambello. After that it is the Royal Opera's **Verdi Festival**: a new staging of the Byron-based *I due Foscari* (Jun 24) with June Anderson, conducted by Daniele Gatti; revivals of *Stiffelio* (Jun 12), *Traviata* (Jun 28) and *Simon Boccanegra* (Jul 4), and an unmissable concert performance of the first version of *Boccanegra* at the QEH with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment conducted by Mark Elder (Jun 29).

There are two big attractions left in the **ENO** season: Robert Carsen's famous Aix production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (May 17) conducted by Steuart Bedford, and Declan Donnellan's eagerly awaited staging of Weill's *Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny* with Sian Edwards conducting (Jun 8).

Further afield, there is Richard Jones's new production (in English) of *Pelleas and Melisande* for Opera North in Leeds (May 15), and **WNO's** rather special revival of *La traviata*, with the husband-and-wife team of Nuccia Focile and Paul Charles Clarke conducted by Carlo Rizzi (Jun 7). Young Thomas Adès's new opera *Powder Her Face* opens at the **Cheltenham Festival** on July 1.

And so to **Edinburgh**, where a visit by the **Kirov Opera** (Aug 17-22) brings stagings of *The Invisible City of Kitezh* and *Sadko*, plus a concert of the progenitor of all Russian opera, *Russlan and Ludmilla*. **Scottish Opera** is represented by Dvořák's comedy *The Jacobin*, conducted by Richard Armstrong (Aug 14); and the festival also sees the European premiere of John Adams's latest: *I Was Looking at the Ceiling and then I Saw the Sky*.

RODNEY MILNES

MUSIC

PRIDE of place for glorious programming must go to **Edinburgh** (Aug 13-Sept 2), which is now right back at the top table of European festivals. Even if you don't like Dvořák — whose ripely Romantic symphonies, concertos and choral epics run through many concerts — there is still Boulez conducting Boulez, Abbado conducting Bruckner, Peter Schreier and Andras Schiff performing Schubert's three great song-cycles, and a fabulous array of young and old stars in recital.

There is a "Scottish Premiere" series to acquaint visitors with the burgeoning army of local composers, and — perhaps most imaginatively — a performance of Bernd Alois Zimmermann's vast and breathtaking *Requiem for a Young Poet*. The latter seems to cram most of the 20th century into its subject-matter, and makes such demands that four of Europe's top festivals (Berlin, Salzburg, Edinburgh and Paris) have pooled resources to put it on.

Nowhere else can match Edinburgh for girth; but several other festivals catch the adventurous spirit. **Cheltenham** (Jul 1-16), reborn this year under the direction of composer Michael Berkeley, marshals a host of premieres, as well as all Sibelius's symphonies. **Aldeburgh** (Jun 9-15) has always had a commitment to living composers; this year tribute is paid to Nicholas Maw's 60th birthday, to the sparky Scandinavian Magnus Lindberg, and to English *wunderkind* Thomas Adès.

But there is also room to mark the 50th anniversary of the *Peter Grimes* premiere with a gala devised to show the influence of Berg, Shostakovich and Mahler on the young Britten. And the Purcell tercentenary is noted with *The Fairy Queen* in concert.

The shadow of Purcell hangs over other festivals. The **Three Choirs** (Aug 19-26, this year in Gloucester) includes many Purcell sacred pieces as well as a new choral setting of Tagore texts by Francis Grier and a real rarity: the British premiere of the 1940 oratorio *The Legend of King Arthur* by the American composer Elinor Remick Warren.

At the **City of London Festival** (Jun 20-Jul 7) Patrick Barlow, comic maestro of the National Theatre of Brent, presents *Oh Dear Purcell!*, which promises to wrap up the entire 17th century in just over an hour. More sublimely, jazz saxophonist Jan Garbarek and the Hilliard Ensemble recreate their chart-topping CD, *Officium*, in St Paul's Cathedral (Jun 21).

But Purcell features most prominently at the **York Early Music Festival** (Jul 7-26). Here he is viewed in every conceivable context in a stunning series of events. This year, too, the festival includes an early music competition.

A procession of Philharmonics passes through the **Festival Hall** in London: Berlin under Abbado (May 14, 15), Vienna under Ozawa (Jun 2), and New York under Masur (Jun 16). After that, there are the **Centenary Proms** — but more of that tomorrow.

RICHARD MORRISON

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New way to pronounce success

It may lose him jobs, but the Albanian-born choreographer Angelin Preljocaj remains true to his lights — and those lights will soon be going up in London again, **John Percival** reports

Trait d'Union, choreographed by Angelin Preljocaj to music by Marc Khanne, is one of the pieces Ballet Preljocaj will present during its Sadler's Wells season

That bloke with the unpronounceable name is how one arts editor describes choreographer Angelin Preljocaj. Not too unpronounceable, though, if you speak it the French way (Prel-zho-cazh), although the name itself is Albanian. At least it is distinctive — as are the man and his works. He returns to London next week, only a few months after his last, Olivier-nominated Sadler's Wells season, so he must be getting things right.

Last autumn Preljocaj had problems. Invited to take charge of the French Ballet du Nord, he had turned down an offer to become joint director of London Contemporary Dance Theatre, only to find that the good folk of the Lille Agglomeration decided, on second thoughts, to go for someone more conventional. But that is now resolved. His company, enlarged from 14 dancers to 20, has a permanent base at exactly the opposite end of France, in Chateauvallon on the Mediterranean coast.

> ❛ I want to push myself out of comfortable ways and be challenged ❜

With the official designation Ballet National Contemporain de Toulon, Preljocaj can use his extra dancers not just for occasional larger productions, but to maintain a presence at home while the main group is touring. They take dance into all the schools and communities of the area: a way of developing the audience of the future which he describes with great enthusiasm.

All of Preljocaj's life seems to have been a process of exploration. He was born in France but his parents were already expecting him when they fled from Albania for political reasons, clambering through the mountains into Yugoslavia. In exile, they wanted to keep their home culture, so Preljocaj grew up influenced by a land he had never seen. A kind of imaginary exile, he says.

He never saw Albania until last year, when he went with his company and his parents. But before that, his heritage had already shaped his much acclaimed staging of *Noces*. This came about because, listening to Stravinsky's music, he felt "a strange connection" between it and a traditional Albanian wedding he had attended in Paris. "It's almost like a rape: the boy's family virtually kidnaps the bride and carries her to him." The contrast within the music attracted him: "What you hear sounds wild and uncontrolled, but the score is mathematically worked out."

Preljocaj began learning ballet at the age of about ten, and says he has "never left it completely — I still train for the exercise". But when he met people from modern dance, "I discovered new territory for exploration". So he studied with Karin Waehner, a former dancer with Mary Wigman's German company. Her expressionist style "really gave me a feeling of dance". Next came the almost obligatory tasting of American influences, but not only the abstract style of Merce Cunningham in New York. Preljocaj added the "more crazy" influence of Viola Farber, who was then at the French Contemporary Dance Centre in Angers.

His professional career began as a dancer in Dominique Bagouet's company. After two years, he and another of the dancers, Michel Kelemenis, jointly made their choreographic debuts by creating a duet, *Aventures Coloniales*. The work was performed at the 1984 Montpellier Festival, with such success that they were asked to repeat it for the inauguration of the Théâtre Contemporain de Danse in Paris.

Before the year was out Preljocaj had formed his own company. Two of his first three works for the company won prizes, which helped. They were seen in London, but on an inadequate stage, at the 1986 Dance Umbrella, and the later, highly erotic *Liquers de Chair* was a hit at Riverside Studios in 1989.

Nowadays Preljocaj's choreography is in demand for other leading companies: Lyons, for instance, and even the Paris Opera. *Le Parc*, his evening-long Mozart ballet for the latter's company, was so much liked last year that it will be revived next season. He enjoyed the experience because, he says, "I like to meet other people, other styles. I find new energy — and it's good for my dancers because I learn different ways to organise and make things better for them."

The Opera also asked him for a season by his own company, for which it commissioned his modern version of *le Spectre de la Rose*. To bring "my little company into this incredible old building with its famous history" was already disconcerting; to be asked for *Spectre* even more so. But, to his surprise, he found that he enjoyed working on it.

"I started to examine the theme, the two worlds of dream and reality inhabited by this girl who had come from a ball. I wanted to see if I could transform reality and dream, and put them both in the same space. It becomes almost like zapping, when you watch two programmes on television and every minute you change because you think you're missing something on the other side."

What comes next? A collaboration with Pascal Quignard, who wrote the film *Tous les matins du monde*. He is providing a libretto for *La voix perdue*. "I want to do a story, but not in the way of the past, not in a narrative way," Preljocaj says. "I want to avoid theatre. I tell my dancers just do the movement, don't try to play like an actor. I just want to get inspiration from the libretto, to push myself out of comfortable ways and be challenged."

● *Ballet Preljocaj is at Sadler's Wells (0171 713 6000), May 9-14*

Pendulum and the pits

Yolande Snaith
The Place

NOW in the London week of its tour, Yolande Snaith's *Swinger* is a nice idea. Shame about her choice of text, though. Everyone loves a love story, but why recite large extracts from Roland Barthes's *A Lover's Discourse*? Anyone who analyses love so cerebrally, so narcissistically, so self-importantly, must be a very poor lover.

Poor Hassani Shapi has been allocated the task of uttering the words; it is not his fault if he sounds trite and annoying.

Otherwise Snaith orchestrates the diverse constituents of her piece with skill and intricacy. Robert Innes-Hopkins has built an intriguing, handsome set with furniture that tilts as disconcertingly as the characters' own passionate impulses. A giant pendulum hangs over the centre and swings like a heartbeat or a fateful arm signalling instability and change. Pushed by Shapi into violent arcs, it can mark the brusque end of a relationship or herald emotional tumult, the figures of the four dancers lurching chaotically.

Snaith's choreography is mostly a series of duets full of ingeniously interlocking shapes and lifts (to an effective, nostalgic soundtrack by David Coulter and Graeme Miller). She has tried to hint at the different sensibility of each couple — romantic ecstasy, tense lust or painful jealousy. More contrast would have been better, though, and the repeated swinging phrases become monotonous in the end.

Everything swings in *Swinger*, but not in the narrow vernacular sense of the word. The characters are not middle-aged would-be trendies. Epitomised by Shapi, who moves as well as speaks, they shift from hope to torment and on to loneliness again.

Snaith's piece represents a new direction: less eccentric, without the obsessive, arbitrary use of props of her previous work, for which I am grateful.

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Testament to Denis

VISUAL ART: Liverpool stages an important show of works by an under-rated genius

Unseen out of Russia: Denis's *Martha and Mary* (1896)

In 1913 Maurice Denis made one of the great definitive statements of modern art when he wrote "A picture — before being a warhorse, a female nude or some little anecdote — is essentially a flat surface covered with colours arranged in a certain order."

It sounds like a rationale for abstract art, but Denis himself could hardly have been further from abstraction. He was a symbolist and a mystic, intent on loading his canvases with significance. Although he was a contemporary and friend of Bonnard and Vuillard, he is little known in Britain — partly, perhaps, because of a built-in national mistrust of a certain kind of lushly sentimental late 19th-century French religiosity. If he were a composer, Denis would come somewhere between Franck and Messiaen, except that his painting is seldom if ever grandiose. A more fitting parallel would probably be with Fauré's *Requiem*, which exhibits just the same combination of sweetness, clarity and unsentimentality that one finds in the most characteristic paintings of Denis.

Given the unfamiliarity, it is remarkably enterprising of the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool to have collaborated with the Musée des Beaux Arts in Lyons, the Walraff-Richartz Museum in Cologne and the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam in staging a major Denis retrospective. The pictures included come from far and wide, including a group, long unseen in the West, from the Hermitage in St Petersburg, sold almost as soon as painted (1899-1912) to the Schukin brothers, the great Russian collectors of advanced French art.

One of these pictures in particular, *Visitation*, offers a vital clue to Denis's method. It shows two standing women in profile facing each other, with a scene glimpsed through a garden trellis beyond and between them. They are wearing, for the 1890s, modern dress, and there is nothing specifically religious about either of them, not even necessarily the hands of the figure to the right, clasped as if in prayer. And yet the overtones of an annunciation are unmistakable, and significantly the picture was one of a series painted while Denis's wife Marthe was expecting their first child.

The "symbolism" of Denis's work is often of this order. Little is tied to a particular set of literary significances; nearly everything comes through echoes, resonances and associations which may exist in spectators' minds without their ever being totally convinced that these were consciously intended by the artist. And ultimately, as Denis himself pointed out, this does not matter, because the picture is first and foremost an arrangement of shapes and colours, which should be satisfying initially on the level of pure abstraction.

Whatever their apparent subject matter — whether with clear Christian reference, or domestic in a way which might have some New Testament connotations, or purely legendary or landscape — a Denis is instantly recognisable as such by its pellucid colour, its elegant repose, its delicacy and sureness of touch. This is decorative painting in the best possible sense of the term, complex but not complicated.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

● Maurice Denis (1870-1943) *is at the Walker Art Gallery, William Brown Street, Liverpool (0151-207 0001) until June 18*

Heat off the boil

THEATRE

Fool for Love
Old Red Lion, N1

WHILE the Royal Court stages *Simpatico*, Sam Shepard's first full-scale play in almost a decade, the Border Crossings Theatre Company is reviving *Fool for Love* on the fringe.

Shepard's drama of obsessive, damaged passion, fought out in a run-down motel room, is brilliantly bold but a tricky theatrical customer. Michael Walling's production needs more grimy claustrophobia and does not always veer firmly enough between the desperately gruelling and the darkly comic. Miles Harvey's lasso-looping Eddie, returning obsessively to May after months of abandonment, teeters on sentimentality or Way-Out-West melodrama without showing his tongue distinctly enough in his cheek.

However, a clear flash of laughter greeted his nth re-entrance: moments after storming out supposedly for good, on hearing May is seeing another guy, he strolls back in, pointedly polishing a shotgun. Harvey is rather too healthily strapping to play Eddie, the dilapidated cowboy, "aged long before his time". His attacks of boyish antics, throwing himself into handstands against the wall, suggest Eddie's mental instability but do seem contrived. However, the action bursts into gripping violence as he brawls with May in the half-dark and pins her to the floor in a moment of acute mutual desire.

Maria Gough's pale-faced May can hit raw nerves. Slumped on the narrow bed, motionless and silent at Eddie's return, she starts into sudden life, clasping him with a vicious desperate love; and as quickly lurching away from him in screaming hatred, smelling another woman on him.

Martin, May's innocently lumbering date, walks into the battle and becomes the bemused victim of the lovers' entangled lies and truths as they tell and retell their family histories. Martin Head, at once absurd and endearing, finely combines the slow-witted and the sweet-hearted. Philip O'Brien is consummately seedy — pitiful but not comfortably sympathetic — as the mysterious Old Man. He watches, silently glugging Jack Daniels from a polystyrene cup, then, like a memory, addresses Eddie and May from within their pained imaginations.

KATE BASSETT

Audiences decline to Fauré

FESTIVAL

BBC PO/Tortelier
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Manchester

"FAURÉ and the French Connection" has most of what a great festival should have: an expertly designed programme of events, with performers chosen specifically for their sympathy with the purpose behind it.

The problem — and it would probably have been no different in France if anyone had had the courage to mount a similarly ambitious Fauré anniversary celebration — is that it has attracted less than the required audience to the concerts which cost most to present.

A programme including Ravel's *Daphnis et Chloé* and *Tzigane* together with Saint-Saëns's *Danse macabre* ought to have sold well, in spite of the presence of less familiar, although unthreatening, items like Chabrier's *Suite pastorale*, Chausson's *Poème* and Fauré's *Ballade* in F sharp.

And if it had, Yan Pascal Tortelier's interpretation of the Second Suite from *Daphnis et Chloé*, where he drew the BBC Philharmonic into a thoroughly reckless account of the *Danse générale*, would have inspired a large-scale demonstration.

It was all the more effective at the end of a concert which had confided so much intimacy — in the *Poème*, where the violin soloist, Raphael Oleg, was as thoughtful as he was athletic in *Tzigane*, and in the *Ballade*, where Kathryn Stott once again demonstrated her understanding of the central Fauré paradox of evasive harmonies underlying a seductive melodic line.

After the *Ballade*, the *Danse macabre* was pure Grand Guignol. Before it, Chabrier's *Suite pastorale* had given a good idea of the extremes, of delicately impressionist poetry on the one hand and of unreserved vitality on the other, that the concert was about to embrace.

GERALD LARNER

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Period façades can hide startling extensions and modern interiors. **Claire Pilton** reports

Step through the keyhole

Building new and modern extensions on to period properties is a sensitive issue, but when done well they can work both practically and aesthetically.

Aside from the physical restrictions imposed by space, obtaining planning permission for what the authorities — and your neighbours — deem a suitably sympathetic and unobtrusive extension is a tricky and time-consuming process involving many months of negotiations and equally lengthy periods of strictly monitored building work.

Take, for example, a Grade II listed house in Wilton Place, London SW1. The property is the key house in the terrace and was built in 1827.

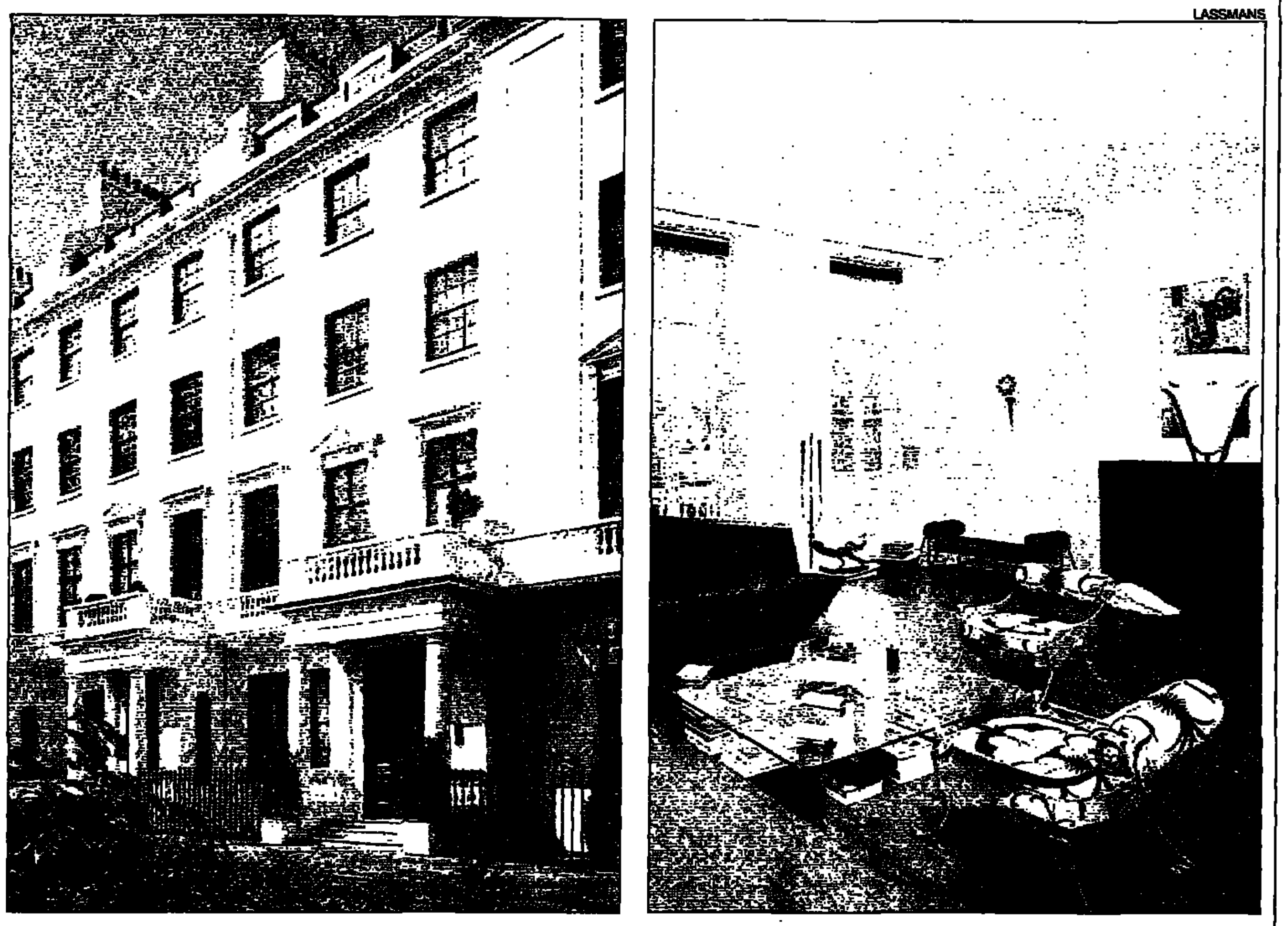
Renovations began early in 1993 — after numerous discussions with Westminster Council, the Grosvenor Estate and English Heritage — and took over a year to complete (only the front and rear elevations and part of the staircase remained untouched), followed by a further six months on the interior.

At the rear of the house, what was once a yard and lightwell with storage vaults and a back room has been transformed into a 22ft by 16ft swimming pool complete with jet sauna, shower and lavatory, and a light, airy atrium.

A modern spiral staircase leads up to a most attractive open-plan breakfast-cum-family room at ground level, with a kitchen beyond where the absence of windows has been compensated for by a huge domed skylight. Most of the window apertures on the front façade are not in keeping with the terrace but "were probably enlarged in the 1930s in the days before planning permission was needed", says the owner.

The house, which spans six storeys and offers three reception rooms, six bedrooms and en-suite bathrooms and staff quarters, is for sale on a 75-year lease through Aylesford and Russell Simpson for £2.85 million.

An unusual three-bedroom apartment in Hyde Park Square, Bayswater, dates from the 1800s but was redeveloped behind the original façade ten years ago. The flat was bought in 1987 by the present owners who, with their Belgian interior decorator, spent nearly a year creating a modern, simplistic interior. Lassmans is seeking £960,000 for the 89-year leasehold.


LASSMANS

Behind this classic façade in Hyde Park Square is a modern three-bedroom, three-bathroom, three-reception room apartment

Another "improved" property, this time in Grove End Road in London's St John's Wood, was last sold in 1990 for around £1.5 million. The present owner subsequently gained permission and employed architect Dirk Meyer to refurbish, extend and substantially rebuild this Georgian style two-storey 1920s residence at a cost of more than £500,000.

Extending to 5,400sq ft the accommodation now includes three receptions, five bedrooms, four bathrooms and a self-contained two-bedroom, two-bathroom guest apartment, a double garage, a carriage driveway for six cars and planning approval for a pool in the rear garden.

The property was first marketed at the end of 1992 for £2.5 million — complete with custom-built furniture, fixtures and fittings. The owner has now decided to reduce the price to £2.25 million, but excluding furniture and fixtures (through Aston Chase and Savills). This is a more appetising price, given that the house next door which is smaller and unmodernised, with a tapering garden, has just come on to the market (through Aston Chase and Knight Frank & Rutley) at £1.65 million.

A far cry from most family homes is the unexpectedly Oriental flavour found in Abingdon Villas, Kensington. Here Chestertons Residential is selling a stucco-fronted, end-of-terrace, three to four-bedroom house complete with a garage and a Japanese south-facing roof terrace for £795,000 freehold.

Its design, together with the modern Oriental staircase and master bedroom suite, featuring a futon bed, Japanese floor lanterns and rice matting, reflects the romantic associations of the owners, Anton Mosimann, the chef, and his wife, who first met in Japan. The kitchen is well planned and well equipped to cater for the owners' Oriental tastes, including even a built-in gas-fired wok.

Another vendor with catering inclinations is Bertil Nygren, a former owner of 47 Park Street, who has recently turned his hand to residential development with 20 Park Street, W1. Built in 1896, and converted into offices in the late 1940s, this Grade II listed property has now reverted to a substantial 8,500sq ft Mayfair residence with six double en-suite bedrooms.

An international high-tech infrastructure and what Mr Nygren describes as "an over-specified interior" includes concealed trunking and ducting, under-floor heating, thermo-static shower and bath taps, £150,000 worth of plumbing, and a hot water system bigger than his hotel hot water system. Wetherell and Lord Francis Russell & Co are selling it for £4.9 million.

Saving the village from extinction

Builder's scheme aims to stop commuters destroying country communities

Ken Linfoot is a speculative builder, not a social historian, yet he believes that "villages owned entirely by commuters or retired townsfolk are little more than museums. They have no organic life left in them."

He is therefore pioneering a scheme to prevent the slide of rural villages into suburban oblivion. Great Alne in Warwickshire is the site of his first social experiment, and the resulting visually agreeable, but unremarkable, cluster of modern houses near the village pub, the school and the recreation fields is made up of "executive" and "affordable" housing.

Integration of this kind came about because he had bought a piece of land adjoining a smaller parcel, owned by the Church of England, which wanted the land used for a social housing programme.

During three years of negotiation between the Diocesan Authority, the Stratford-on-Avon District Council, the Warwickshire Rural Housing Association, the Great Alne Parish Council and Linfoot Country Homes, a scheme evolved which ensured that a local farm worker can live in a £40,000 two-bedroom house in the same close as an architect in a four-bedroom house worth £135,000.

Mr Linfoot says: "We have used the same building materials and the same detailing whether the houses are affordable or open market." The Stratford planning office has called the scheme "a unique example of public and private sector co-operation. The developer was not seeking to obtain planning consent for speculative housing by providing affordable housing, but offered a genuine opportunity to provide a scheme for local people."

"Executive homes" and less costly houses have same feel

Affordable housing describes a legal device enabling a housing association to retain ownership of the land, while selling the bricks and mortar as leasehold property. Thus, with the expensive land element removed from the price, a home that would cost £60,000 on the freehold market can be sold for £40,000.

If people in affordable housing cannot raise enough money to buy the whole property initially, housing associations allow them to buy a proportion of it until their incomes improve.

As a speculative builder, Mr Linfoot makes a profit from open market housing, but operates as a contractor for the authorities on the affordable housing side. He promotes both types of property in the same sales literature for the Great Alne development.

But will it remain an isolated experiment in integration? Mr Linfoot says: "There has to be a will to keep villages as organic entities. Attractive villages are being taken over by outsiders with money and local people are being forced out by inflated prices. I have a couple of schemes similar to Great Alne in the pipeline, but they will need very careful discussion."

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£20 million sale to EMI

☐ TUCAN Investments, a subsidiary of General Mediterranean Holdings, has sold Glacier House, Brook Green, London W6, to EMI after last year letting it to EMI Records as its London headquarters.

The freehold property, sold for £20.25 million, provides about 80,000 sq ft of air-conditioned accommodation. Glacier House was completed at the end of 1993, and includes two unusual gardens, one internally on the ground floor, and a second at first floor level.

☐ ROYAL London Insurance has launched a campaign to secure a pre-let for its 100,000 sq ft corporate headquarters office development at One Sovereign Street, Leeds.

The development will have a completion value of more than £30 million, with an expected rental value of around £2[illegible] a sq ft. The highly specified building was designed by EPR Architects and the letting agents are DTZ Debenham Thorpe and Peter Lund & Partners.

☐ SEARS Property Development has bought the 12.3 acre Ransomes Euro Retail Park in Ipswich for more than £6 million. The site has been awarded detailed planning consent for a retail warehouse park covering 145,000 sq ft, and Sears has secured several pre-lettings including MFI, Kingsbury, Cantors, Allied Carpets, Maples and Olympus Sportsworld.

The construction of the park is due to begin in June this year, and it is scheduled to open for trading before Easter 1996. Jones Lang Wootton and Moore Hunter are the joint letting agents for the scheme.

☐ MEPC has let the first floor of 11 St James's Square, London SW1, which adjoins its own headquarters in the square, to Transmedia which has taken the 1,460 sq ft space to add to the other two floors it already occupies in the building.

The premises have been let at £27.50 a sq ft, with a rent-free period of four months, making an improvement in rentals in the area.

Christopher Warman on the dilemma of counties trying to meet business needs and safeguard the countryside

A last look before the bulldozers move in

With its rolling hills, handsome old town centres, acres of meadows and ancient woods, Gloucestershire might have seemed safe from the concrete spread of the late 20th century. Not so — even Cheltenham and the Forest of Dean are now being eyed by developers.

Today, in the presence of the Duke of Gloucester, the Gloucestershire Development Agency is presenting a portfolio of sites for investment and development at its launch in London of a campaign to show what the county can offer.

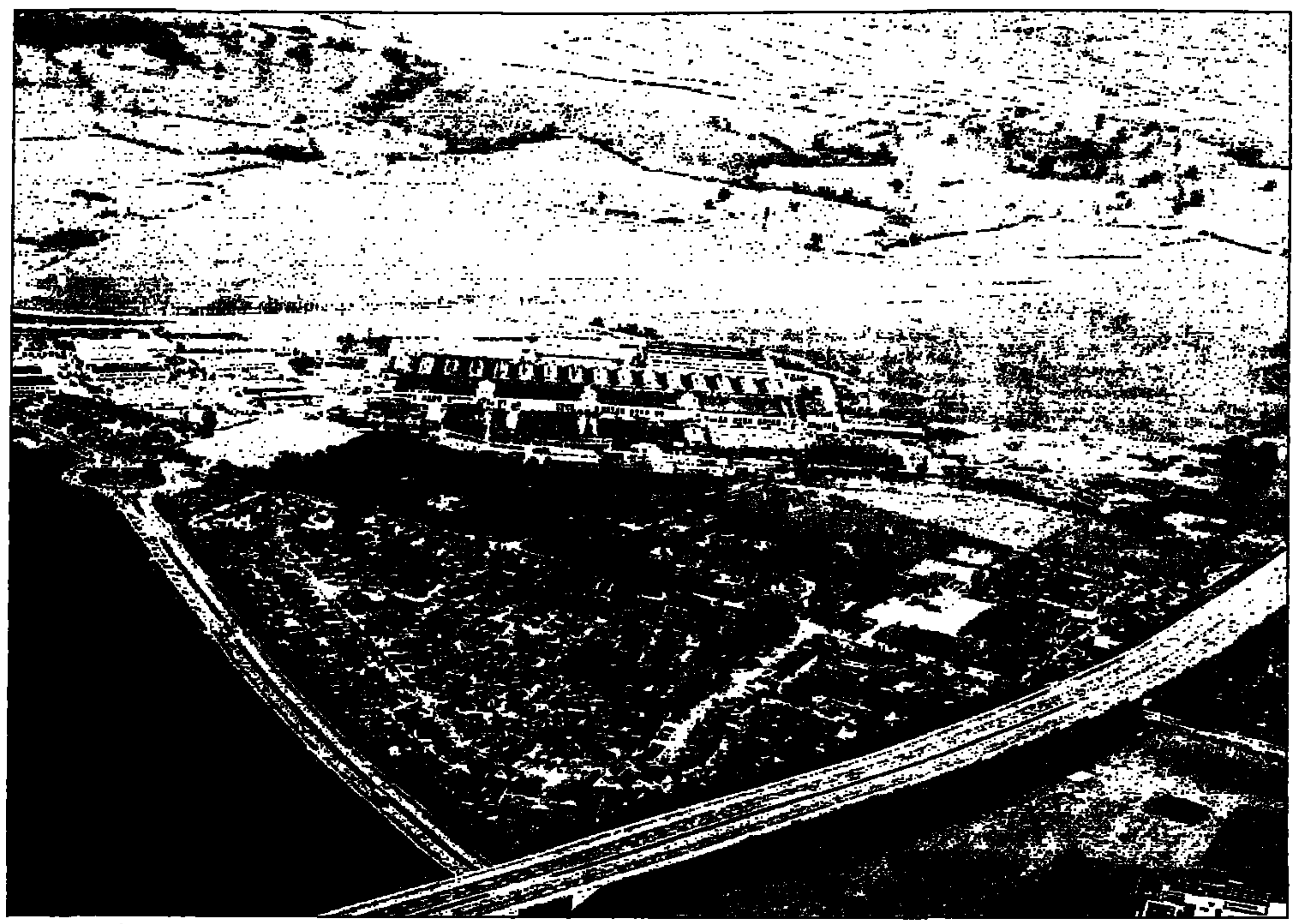
The launch comes as a quarterly survey by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) this week offers evidence of industrial recovery. A third of the chartered surveyors who took part in the survey were more confident in the industrial-occupier market at the end of the quarter, compared with half that number the previous quarter.

In Gloucestershire, one of the key schemes is the business park being developed by Arlington at the former trading estate and airfield adjacent to the M5 near Gloucester. The park, now undergoing the final planning process for 280 acres, will eventually become, at about 4.5 million sq ft, one of the largest mixed-use developments in the UK, employing 15,000 people over the next 10 to 15 years. It will include a mixture of offices, light industrial and distribution space, and also amenities such as a hotel and leisure facilities.

In Cheltenham, plans to modernise the town centre are under way, supervised by Reg Ward, the first chief executive of the London Docklands Development Corporation. The plans affect the area westward from the Promenade, taking in Royal Well, the Royal Crescent, the former St James Station land, and an area leading to the gasworks and the main railway line. A new inner ringroad at the back of the St James's site will incorporate the area within the main town centre.

Development is also proceeding in the previously green areas of the Forest of Dean. At Quedgeley, an area of 450 acres, with four outlying sites, will form the basis of the county's strategic development plan for the year 2000.

The development of Gloucestershire is dependent largely on the M5, which runs through the length of the county. The development agency, a partnership between the county council, training and enterprise council and private-sector companies, is selling the advantage of the motorway for the access of goods and staff, as well as offering the partnership between public and private sectors, a skilled workforce, and the quality of life within the county as reasons why companies should consider moving there.



An aerial view of the proposed site for a 280-acre Gloucester business park, to be built on the old trading estate and airfield

Developers and investors are aware of the available pool of skilled labour. When companies tried to go to Gloucestershire in the 1980s they could not find local people to fill jobs. Reductions in staff as a result of the recession and the loss of defence industry jobs have now resulted in a level of unemployment previously unknown within the county.

Gloucestershire Development Agency realises it is having to deal both with tradition and, more importantly, a popular view that development is not welcome in the royal county.

The message that the Duke of Gloucester and others are putting forward today is that Gloucestershire is "ready and open for business". Gloucestershire no longer has the "full" signs up, and may, as a result of government rationalisation of the defence industries, present a further fillip to the recovering property sector.

The RICS survey showed confidence was particularly high in East Anglia, the East Midlands and the South West, where activity in manufacturing, distribution and warehousing has led to more development.

Michael Pattison, chief executive of the RICS, says: "Manufacturing output saw substantial growth last year, which has fed through to increase confidence in the industry property market. With the devalued pound and Britain's major trading partners coming out of recession, this has increased demand for British-made goods, with the result that more firms are finding themselves working at full capacity.

"The RICS survey clearly indicates that more firms are deciding to invest, not only in plant and machinery, but also in their buildings."

New life for Great Eastern?

Railtrack seeks refurbishment for Victorian hotel

THE GREAT Eastern Hotel in the City of London, pictured left — the only hotel within the City's square mile — is for sale on a 125-year lease by Railtrack Property, *writes Christopher Warman*. The building, next to Liverpool Street station and the Broadgate complex, needs an internal refurbishment which could transform it into a four or five-star hotel.

An important example of Victorian railway architecture, the Grade II listed hotel was built in Anglo-French Renaissance style in 1884 for the Great Eastern Railway, with imposing Doric columns at the main entrance and semicircular arched arcading in the main hall and stairwell.

The hotel has 163 bedrooms, 13 conference rooms, banqueting facilities, a restaurant, three bars and two lounges.

Bob Hill, property director of Railtrack, says: "Once redeveloped into a first-class hotel, the Great Eastern will attract strong demand from business travellers, conference organisers and the leisure market. Railtrack is keen to ensure that a sympathetic redevelopment is carried out."

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TODAY: English for 14-year-olds — what the examiners are looking for, and why spelling and grammar matter

A language worth knowing

Nicholas Patterson gives some tips on how to prepare for the English paper

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Pupils sitting English tests for 14-year-olds, starting on Friday, will want to do their best. But no matter how rich their seam of natural talent, examination success is impossible without vigorous preparation. Some people argue that there is no point in revising for an English test, but here is some advice to help to ensure that your marks do you justice.

■ Make sure you have looked through some past papers. This will help you to feel comfortable about the structure of the tests and confident that they will not throw up unexpected styles of question. You might have written a lot of stories and diary entries in English classes over the last three years. But for example, how would you respond if you were asked to write a newspaper article during the examination? This style of writing requires you to give a lot of information very quickly. Remember the Five Ws — who, what, why, where and when? Any article that answers these questions cannot be very far wrong.

■ Both the English language papers (that is Paper 1 and, if you are taking it, the Extension Paper) have extracts you will need to read. Make sure you read the passages thoroughly — at least twice and preferably three times — and be clear in your own mind exactly what the question is. Take the time to make notes on your exam paper. Don't hestitate to underline things that jump off the page at you. If your neighbour starts writing one minute after the exam has started, just remember, she has no idea what she's doing! So sit back, keep calm and prepare properly.

■ The questions can be long and confusing, and they often carry a lot of marks. If a question carries 20 marks and asks you to comment on three different sections of a passage, each section will realise six or seven marks. For example, if you are asked to comment on a girl's feelings towards her home, family and situation, you must make at least a couple of points about each to get full marks. If you organise yourself thoroughly before answering each question you will be successful. Remember that every second counts!

■ There is nothing more disconcerting in an examination than hearing your neighbour keep asking for extra paper. But remember, it is quality and not quantity that gains marks. Do not be put off if someone is writing 16 to the dozen while you are still thinking. There are no marks for nonsense.

■ Like it or not, the creative essay section is a chance for you to spread your wings and express yourself. But please be original! Try to write from your own experience: there is nothing worse than reading a story set in the mafia underworld of New York by a 14-year-old who has never left Essex. Also, do not score a last-minute winner at Wembley for your Sunday League team, or be President of the Planet Bong waging war against the Masters of the Universe. And never have a story that ends "and then I woke up" — it is guaranteed to send examiners to sleep.

■ Quality means attention to detail. Make sure you read your work through and check back for errors. A paragraph may be only one line long; however, if all your paragraphs are one line long, you are probably doing something wrong. Revise all your grammar. Do not make silly spelling mistakes — know the difference between there/their/they're, to/too/two, of/off. Know that "could have" is never "could of". Know how to use the apostrophe. Know how to punctuate speech accurately and when to use a capital letter.

■ You may find that some instructions are not clear. You may ask the teacher invigilating your examination to help. It may sound stupid to ask, but you will look more stupid if you do the wrong thing and get no marks as a consequence.

■ You will probably be revising your Shakespeare play at the moment. Double-check which scene you will be writing about. Although you should have finished your revision long before the exam, re-read the scenes the night before to refresh your memory. During the test, re-read the scene, think about the answer and write a brief essay plan. Feel free to make notes on the test paper — ignore any teacher who tells you not to. When you have finished, check your answer. Make sure, above all, that you have **answered the question.**

■ Pay attention to Shakespeare's language — it is very different from today's. Make sure you recognise the difference between poetry and prose and look carefully at the imagery Shakespeare uses.

■ Make sure you understand the structure of the questions. They are there to help, not to confuse you. Each question will have a series of prompts to help your answer get from A to Z. If you address each of these you will have provided a full answer.

■ Last year the marks scheme allowed teachers to give high marks only to pupils who used quotations. This is a most important lesson: if you want to get full marks you must support every point you make with an example from the passage.

■ Finally, do not lose sleep over the tests. They are not the be-all and end-all. No sensible school will set you for your GCSEs on your results alone. When you sit down for your first paper, try to enjoy it.

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Advice on next week's tests for 14-year-olds in mathematics. Plus
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PUPILS will sit a 75-minute Shakespeare test on Friday afternoon about a specified scene they have studied this year from either *Romeo and Juliet*, *Julius Caesar* or *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Last summer's scene from *Romeo and Juliet* was the couple's suicide (act 5 scene 3, lines 1-170). Pupils were asked to choose some moments of drama and show how the tension and excitement build up to the tragic climax of Juliet's death. They were asked to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the play and express their ideas. They were asked to think about where the scene was set; how the characters' language showed their feelings; how the audience might respond; and about Juliet's last words and actions.

To reach level 6, the standard expected of a good candidate, the examiners wanted an answer that recognised there was a climax, tried to explain why and showed how the tension builds. For example, pupils might follow the sequence of Romeo's actions and speech from his entry to the point when he sees Juliet. Alternatively, they might detail the various features of the opening that create a frightening atmosphere, such as the graveyard, torches, secrecy, and the emotional level of Paris's speech.

Pupils were expected to show insight about the emotions of the characters. They might detail the impact of events on the audience — noting how they share the excitement and tension of the opening, react favourably to Paris's sadness, react to the deaths with pity and, in the case of Juliet, because they know she is not dead, helplessness.

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COMPREHENSION

COMPREHENSION questions which assess pupils' understanding of set passages form the bulk of Friday morning's 90-minute English paper. Last summer pupils were given a 400-word newspaper article about school bullying. They were asked to consider how successful the article would be in encouraging parents to combat bullying. They were asked to explain three pieces of advice given in the article, and comment on whether parents would find the ideas sensible and how the writer expressed them.

Examiners wanted to see that pupils could: select and convey relevant points from the text in their own words; explain opinions and insights; recognise methods used to inform and persuade in newspaper articles; note how the tone of the article was tailored to the intended audience; illustrate answers with textual references.

Pupils were expected to agree or disagree with ideas in the article with reference to their own experience. Better answers noted some of the following: the use of anecdotes to shock; the use of statistics to sound reliable; the use of "we" and "us" to identify with the reader; the use of direct questions to win the reader's attention; the challenging headline and progression of ideas.

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CREATIVE WRITING

A THIRD of the marks in the first English paper will be awarded for a half-hour essay on one of three topics. Last year, two of the options involved developing the themes of the comprehension passages, while the third asked candidates to write about an incident in which they were blamed for something they had not done.

Examiners were looking for writing that would "engage and sustain the interest of the reader", with events and ideas structured in such a way as to make the meaning clear. Pupils were expected to sustain a style and write accurately.

To reach the lowest level (3), writing had to relate to the topic, with some description of character or setting and recognition of feelings. Sentence structure could be simple but punctuation had to be correct. More orderly writing with an effective conclusion, some detail, more complex sentences and an awareness of paragraphs merited level 4.

Those of average ability were allowed some errors as long as they attempted more complex writing and a wider range of vocabulary. Examiners were looking for register and style in level 5, with correct punctuation and paragraphs. At the next level, punctuation would clarify meaning, while paragraphs would be used to organise ideas in a piece of writing which developed character and settings.

To achieve top marks (level 7), candidates had to write confidently in an appropriate style, producing a convincing response to their chosen question. Grammar and vocabulary had to be used accurately to enhance the effectiveness of the writing.

Spelling and handwriting contributed up to five marks out of the 30 awarded for the essay. Correct spelling of simple words in legible handwriting was the least expected, ranging through more complex words for average pupils, to a maximum score for more specialised vocabulary in good handwriting.

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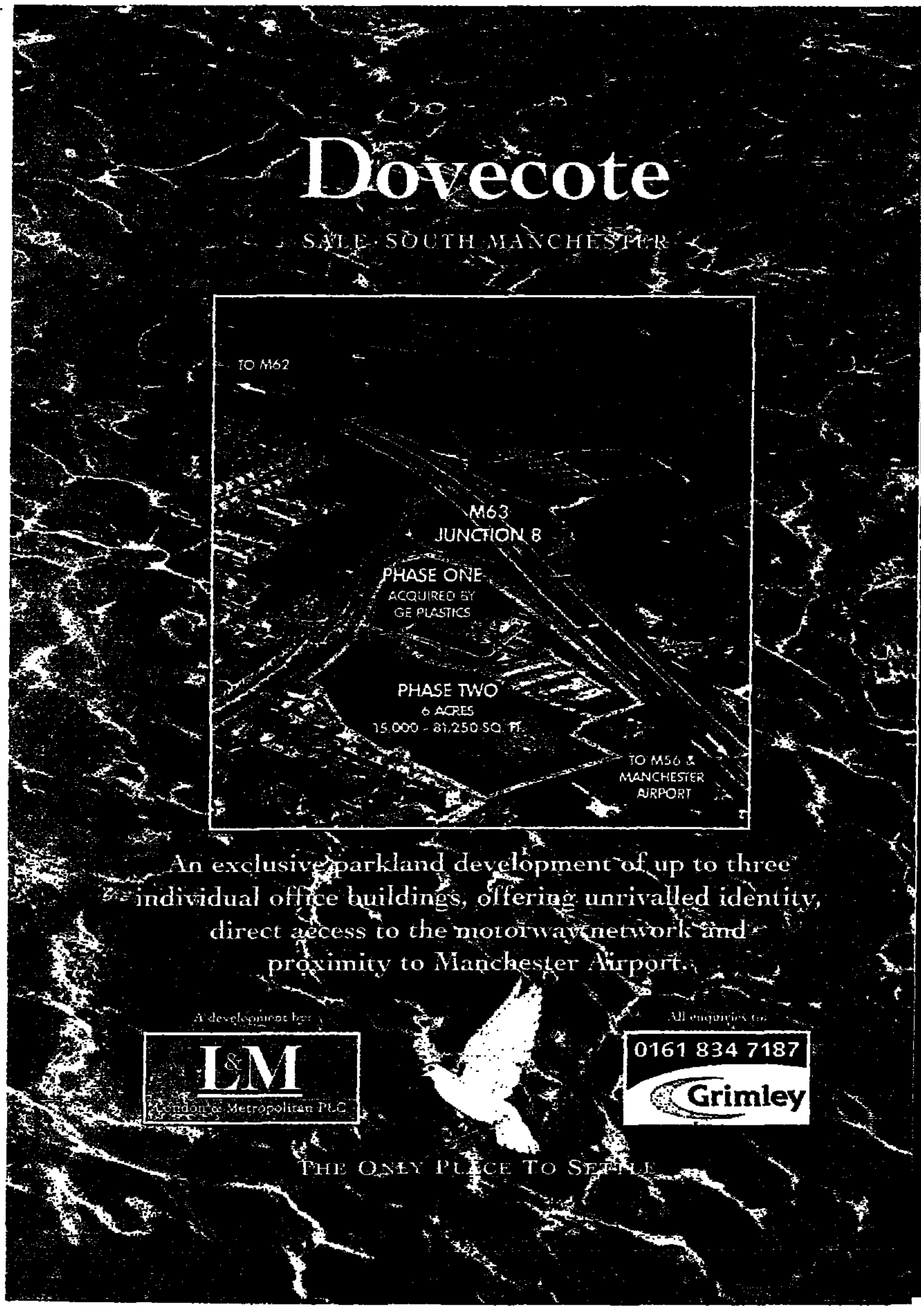

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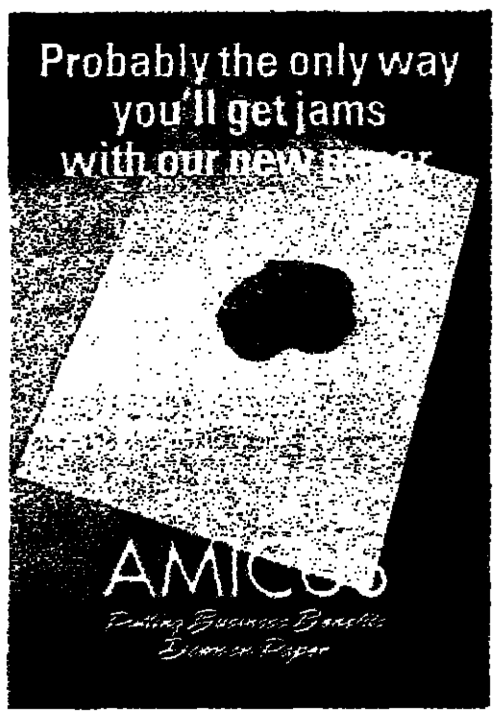
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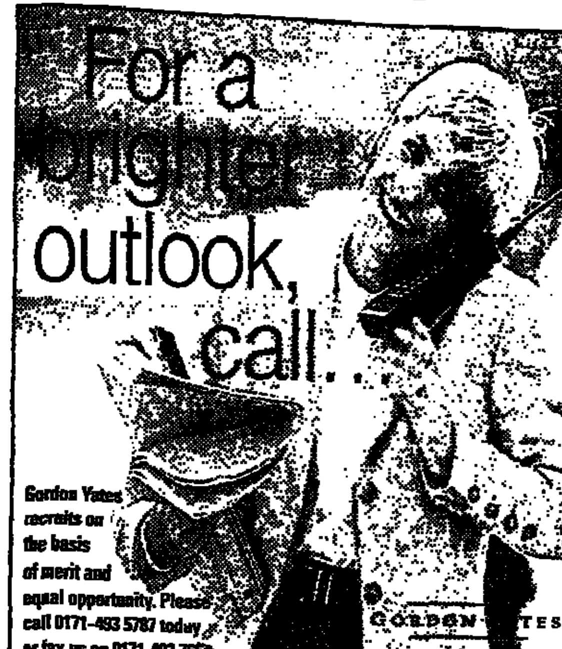
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All-rounder's batting renaissance tilts balance in favour of Australia

Waugh runs high in new world order

From Simon Wilde in Kingston, Jamaica

Steve Waugh is applauded off the field by West Indies players after scoring a double-century in Kingston on Monday. Photograph: Gill Allen

WHEN Michael Atherton touched down in Australia last October, he was confronted by local journalists brandishing comments he had reportedly once made about Steve Waugh's fear of fast bowling. Despite being disorientated by his long flight, the England captain said he had no memory of making the remarks. It was a shrewd call because, whatever the truth in the past, the charge had long since ceased to be appropriate.

Waugh's new-found stature as one of the most effective batsmen in world cricket has been confirmed by his immense contribution to Australia's successful tour of the Caribbean, which should culminate today in their defeating West Indies in a Test series for the first time in 19 years. And, barring one last twist in a series which has been full of extraordinary turns, Waugh will be named man of the series for several vital catches, key wickets and 429 runs at an average of 107.25.

Atherton is not the only person to have questioned Waugh's ability to play short-pitched bowling. A few years ago, it was widely accepted that the Australian had serious technical problems against deliveries fired in at his hip and ribs, especially on pitches with pace and bounce. His reactions were not only ungainly but ineffective and two years ago, after another poor series against West Indies, he appeared destined for a further spell out of the Australia side. These absences had been a feature of his career since his debut in 1985, when he had been thrust into the team at the perhaps too tender age of 20.

But Waugh was not dropped from the side, only dropped down the order from No 3. Thus began a remarkable transformation. Since then he has played in eight Test series, topped Australia's batting averages five times, finished second twice and third once, and sports an average of 72.93. He may still be less elegant than his twin brother, Mark, and less brilliant than Brian Lara, but he sells his wicket more dearly than either.

During the same period he has made some brief but significant interventions with the ball, 24 wickets costing just 20.20 each and 242.5 overs of brisk medium pace relinquishing runs at barely two a time.

Bob Simpson, the Australia coach, is in no doubt as to the reasons for Waugh's success. "Although it would not bother him now," Simpson said yesterday, "batting somewhere like No 3 was too much for him. The ball was moving around and he did not have the technique to cope with it. Batting at No 6, this is not so much of a problem. He has also learnt to play to his strengths."

Before this tour, Waugh's record against West Indies was poor. He averaged 31.10 from 12 Tests and had been dismissed twice by Walsh and nine times by Ambrose. In this series, neither has claimed his wicket even once.

In a series that has witnessed low scoring and an extraordinarily high level of catching, it is no exaggeration to say that the four lives West Indies have given Waugh could decide the outcome. One miss cost nothing but the other three enabled Waugh to add another 215 runs, the majority of them this week here, where he was missed at the wicket 42 runs into his double-century.

The West Indians have been forced to acknowledge Waugh's new stature, something they are the more reluctant to do after the controversy of his "catch" to remove Lara on the first day of the series in Barbados. Waugh said he claimed the catch in good faith but the incident served only to ensure he was peppered with more short balls than had already been reserved for him.

He has taken all the knocks phlegmatically. "The great thing about doing well against these guys," he said yesterday, "is that it really boosts your confidence. That in itself becomes a big factor."

Waugh's confidence manifested itself during the previous Test in Trinidad, when Ambrose gave him another of his stares. Waugh has always been an uncompromising cricketer but in earlier days he might not have ventured to suggest, as he did now, that Ambrose should get back to his mark and continue bowling. Ambrose was so riled that even Richardson, his captain, in attempting to restrain him felt the lash of the fast bowler's tongue. There could be no greater tribute to Waugh's renaissance.

Present problems to come before mint for Lamb

By Michael Henderson

NORTHAMPTON (Northamptonshire won toss): Worcestershire (2pts) beat Northamptonshire by 103 runs

ALLAN LAMB is already hard at work on his testimonial next year. In the short term he has more pressing concerns in his final season as the Northamptonshire captain. They have now lost both matches in the Benson and Hedges Cup and their next opponents are Yorkshire, buoyant as only Yorkshire can be in the first week of May.

The County Ground is not shrouded in gloom; far from it. Now that the football club has decamped to the Sixfields Stadium, on the outskirts of the town, it has suddenly become a pleasant spot to watch cricket, particularly in the glorious sunshine of early summer. A decent crowd gathered to watch the first home fixture of a new season. Northamptonshire duly obliged, losing by 103 runs.

Coming immediately after that marvellous championship victory at Canterbury, it is not unreasonable to ask: which is the real Northamptonshire? Will they continue to display their talents occasionally or will they carry them from one match into the next? This was a pretty awful batting performance by a team that had just declared an innings on 561.

At the club's annual meeting, a member denounced the award of Lamb's testimonial as "immoral". Certainly, you could forgive a cricket-lover for not supporting a man who collected £134,000 from a 1988 benefit, most of it from events beyond the county, and who has never been short of influential friends. A testimonial eight years later, instead of the usual ten, will not endear him to many.

Lamb has enjoyed few gilded days as the county captain and this was not one of them. He won the toss and might have contemplated victory when his bowlers restricted Worcestershire to 240 for seven, the kind of middle-distance total that a batting side fancies itself to get. It proved beyond Northamptonshire, however, who struggled against a fine new-ball spell from Newport and never applied themselves properly to the job in hand.

Hick once again played the significant innings, falling six runs short of a second century in this year's competition. At Headingley last week he looked cramped. Yesterday he played more expansively, driving forcefully and pulling with freedom.

His manners, however, leave plenty of scope for improvement. Applauded off at the end, he ignored the ovation, lost in his own thoughts. What a ricket. It is high time that clubs introduced a system of fines for this mean-spirited habit. Tim Curtis, his captain, should have a strong word with Hick this very morning. These spectators are the people cricketers come running to when they are awarded a benefit.

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Hick and Moody added 91 for the third wicket, a stand ended when Bailey stuck out a hand to hold Moody's return drive and the ball just stuck, like Mary Poppins summoning a magic umbrella. Worcestershire's innings tapered off towards the end, as Curran ended with four wickets, and the match was balanced nicely at halfway.

Northamptonshire never got started. Montgomerie, responding to Fordham's call, was run out by Leatherdale from cover and Bailey went first ball, touching an outswinger to Rhodes, who held a good diving catch in front of the first of two slips Curtis had wisely retained.

Newport bowled splendidly, conceding only 13 runs from his full quota. In his own way, he was the man of the match as much as Hick, but the gold award went to the batsman.

Clever Glamorgan have a field day

By Jack Bailey

SOUTHAMPTON (Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan (2pts) beat Hampshire by seven wickets

GLAMORGAN carried out a meticulously-planned and sharply-executed raid at Southampton yesterday. They knew exactly what they had to do, had all the right equipment available to do it, deployed their resources with consummate skill and left Hampshire blinking and groping as they made off in the evening sunshine, their entry into the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals by no means assured, as yet, but looming large.

Hampshire, by contrast, are virtually certain to fail to qualify, having lost all three group matches thus far. Write down the names of the individuals in each team and you would be hard put to say which of them constituted the more potent force. Watching them in action, yesterday, however, you learned how teamwork and dovetailing pays off.

Even though Robin Smith and John Stephenson played worthy innings, having been sent in on a good pitch which demanded runs from somebody, they were never off the tight rein imposed by Glamorgan's clever field-setting, eager fielding and accurate bowling. Furthermore, Glamorgan gobbled up the overs, bowling 43 before lunch. A partnership of 125 from 32 overs was a solid platform, but no more than that. A further problem for Hampshire was that only Giles White thereafter looked capable of building on it.

Throughout the Stephenson/Smith partnership, Glamorgan contained by cutting off boundaries in brilliant style. For Smith with his aggressive footwork, handsome driving and rasping square-cut to be limited to six fours in an innings of 83 was an eye-opener. Stephenson had been similarly contained and lost his off stump to a ball from Adrian Dale that he was aiming to hit over mid-wicket.

Dale also succeeded in having Smith snapped up in the gully. Then he had the potentially dangerous Mark Nicholas taken at deep mid-off.

Dale's nine tight overs at an important time in Hampshire's innings and his three wickets, allied to his fielding and a batting cameo, as Glamorgan knocked off the runs, earned him the gold award.

Glamorgan's batting was as proficient as their performance in the field. David Hemp and Stephen James, with a half-century apiece, put on 116 for the first wicket in 23 overs; Maynard increased the tempo with some meaty driving and Cottey and Dale saw them home with nearly nine overs to spare.

Athey quick to expose Sussex frailty

By Pat Gibson

THE OVAL (Surrey won toss): Sussex (2pts) beat Surrey by eight wickets

WAQAR YOUNIS turned up at The Oval yesterday but it was only to confirm what Surrey knew already. Despite reports to the contrary, he is not going to be fit to play for them this season and until his replacement, the Australian fast bowler Carl Rackemann, arrives at the end of the month, they may have to endure a few more days like this.

It is seven years since Bill Athey won the last of his 23 England caps but he remains one of the most accomplished batsmen in county cricket and he had no trouble in exposing the frailty of their attack. Remarkably, he has still to make a century in 74 Benson and Hedges Cup matches, but his 97 was more than enough to set up this straightforward victory which is going to make it difficult for Surrey, last season's semi-finalists, to reach the last eight.

If ever a match demonstrated the vicissitudes of the game, this was it. Sussex had just lost their opening championship fixture against Derbyshire by an innings and 379 runs (Athey bagging a pair) while Surrey were winning a championship match in which they had been forced to follow on for the first time in their history. So much for the form book.

Brown, fresh from his 187 against Gloucestershire, did maintain the flow of runs that should put him in contention for England's one-day international squad and while he and Ward were putting on 80 in 17 overs Surrey looked capable of reaching the score they had in mind when they chose to bat in glorious conditions.

It was not to be. Brown, who had been lucky to be dropped on 15 and 21, was out in the first over after lunch after hitting two sixes and six fours in his 82 and although Ward went on to finish with an unbeaten 60, Sussex were more than pleased to contain Surrey to 239 for seven. Giddins and Stephenson both bowled well and Salisbury took the important wicket of Stewart.

The rest was almost a formality. Hall, who made the slowest 50 in championship history on this ground, was almost fluent in helping Athey put on 81 in 20 overs and then Lenham joined him in a second-wicket partnership of 117 in 25 overs. Athey had struck two sixes and eight fours when he chipped Pigott to midwicket and Lenham had made his 73 off 98 balls when he and Wells knocked off the runs with 17 balls to spare.

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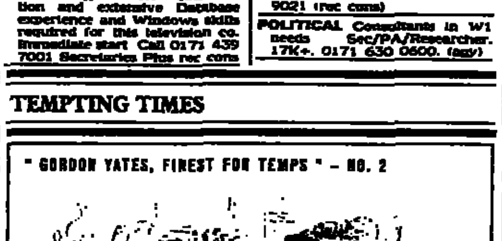

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Wren takes his chance with telling cup debut

By Ivo Tennant

CANTERBURY (Kent won toss): Kent (2 pts) bt Somerset by 119 runs

A REVERENTIAL crowd, a deferential opposition, a quite substantial victory — it could have been the 1970s, when days and triumphs such as this were commonplace at Canterbury. Trevor Ward's third century of the season, two of them already in the Benson and Hedges Cup, enabled his side to make the kind of total that invariably is sufficient.

Yet the plaudits, and indeed the gold award, went to a bowler whose name is little known outside Kent; or, for that matter, within the county. Tim Wren, who in six years has played in just 15 first-class matches, was making his debut in this competition. In his opening spell, he took the first five Somerset wickets, Lathwell, Bowler and Hayhurst among them.

If this made for a notable victory, it also meant that the final session was meaningless. The match was as good as over while the sun was still high behind the yardarm, which is why limited overs cricket can, on occasion, be unsatisfactory. None of that, however, will be of concern to Wren.

The five wickets came at a cost of nine runs in 17 balls. Trescothick was brilliantly taken by Ward at first slip, two-handed to his left. Bowler was held by Cowdrey at second slip, Harden at the wicket. Hayhurst left his leg stump exposed and Lathwell was leg-before wandering across his crease. These last two dismissals would suggest that Wren, who bowls at a whippy left-arm medium over the wicket, has the considerable ability to bring the ball back in to the right-hander.

So why has he not made an impression before? For one thing, he is regarded as a somewhat contrary character. Besides, Kent's ideal opening attack comprises Igglesden and McCague — at least it does when they are fit. Kent are not likely to contest the county championship properly until they are, which is why there is increasing irritation over their contributions in the county.

Wren, who is 25, might best be compared with John Dye, who, two decades ago, before he left for Northamptonshire, could also come up with a telling spell. It has to be said, though, that Somerset did not bat with any sense of durability. The pitch was true, the light lustrous, the out-field fit for bowls.

Yet, from 31 for five to 80 for seven to 161 all out, they batted with no apparent sense of purpose. Wren took one further wicket in his second and final spell, giving him figures of six for 41 in all.

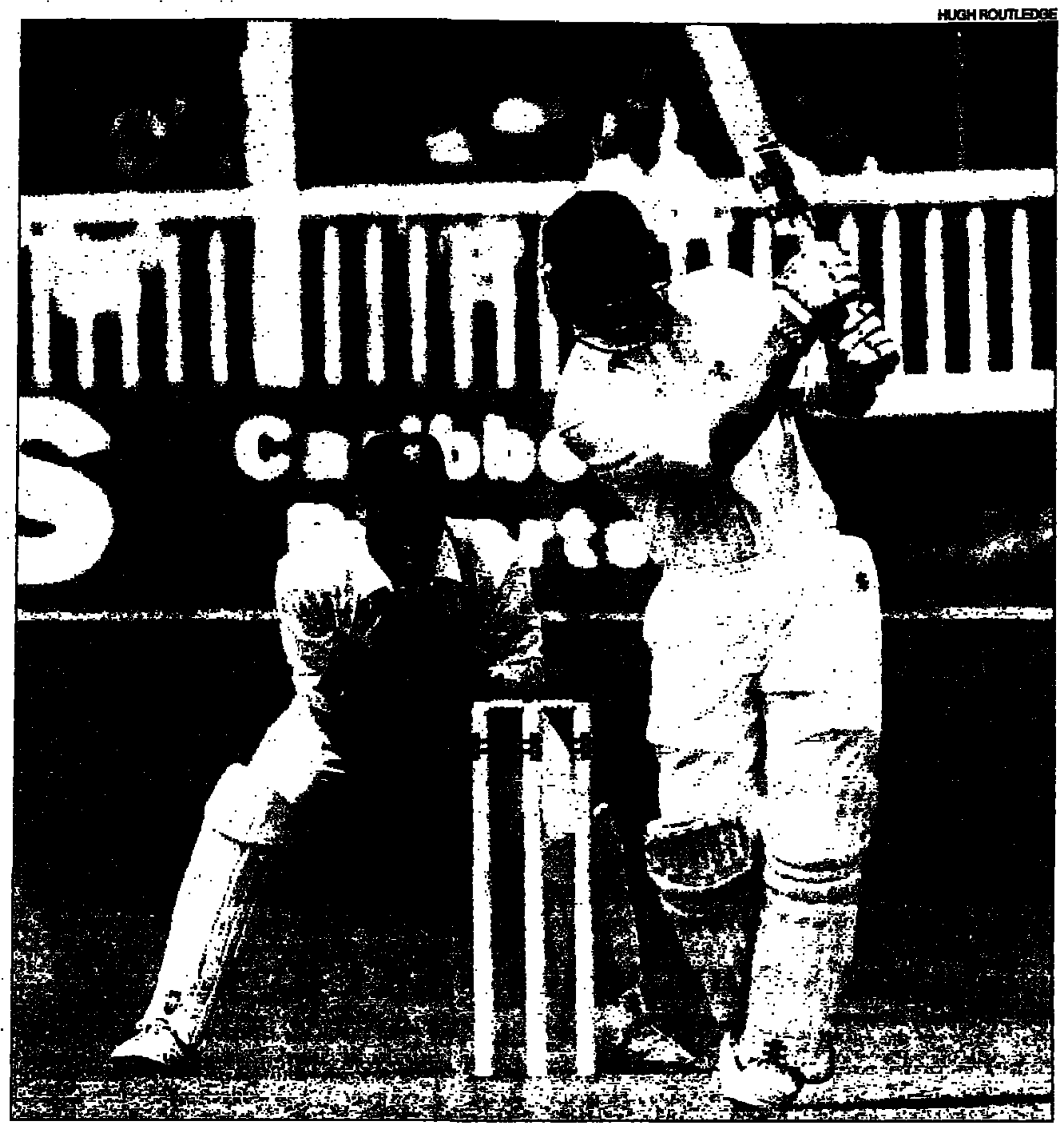
Kent, by contrast, took runs with impunity from virtually every ball. Ward, driving straight and on the up, put on 117 with Benson in the first 30 overs. When the captain was bowled looking to run Trump to third man, Walker came in and stroked the ball around with great poise. Nobody watching could have been in any doubt as to why he is being given the chance to bat at first wicket down this season.

Had it not been for Van Troost's waywardness, Somerset might just have restricted Kent to a total within their compass, but then they also had to contend with Fleming. To talk about batting with a purpose is to talk about Fleming. He has such a good eye that he can hit across the line at this stage of the innings and do so to great effect. Full tosses were swept, the cover boundary peppered and every bowler left wondering just how and where to bowl at him. His unbeaten 44 came from just 24 balls and included seven fours to all parts of the ground.

No batsman, though, could compare with Ward, at least not when it came to dealing with the new ball. Caddick had a commendable first spell, beating him outside off stump early in the innings.

Yet the manner in which Ward countered this, pulling and driving with stout forearms, was thrilling to behold. His century came from 148 balls, included a six and 13 fours, and will have brought him to the attention of the England selectors as they consider their squad for the one-day matches against West Indies.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Ward, the Kent opener, hits out at the bowling of Trump on his way to making 113 at Canterbury yesterday

Potter crafts Leicestershire humiliation

By James Allen

SOME names from county cricket's past showed that they were far from past it in the Benson and Hedges Cup yesterday, nowhere more so than at Grace Road, where Laurie Potter played a significant part in humbling his former county for the Minor Counties. Leicestershire, needing 225 to win, were bowled out for 198, Potter taking four wickets with his left-arm spin after making 32.

Great things were expected of Potter, 32, when he first played for Kent in 1981, but, after moving to Leicestershire in 1986, he rarely emerged from the supporting cast on the first-class stage and retired in 1993. Paul Newman, another who failed to fulfil youthful promise, as a seam bowler for Derbyshire, also played an important part in victory, with four wickets.

A half-century from Ian Cockbain, once of Lancashire, was the basis of the Minor Counties total. It was their first success in the competition since 1992, when they beat Sussex at Marlow, and only their sixth in all. Leicestershire have lost all three of their games in group A.

Elsewhere, the "junior" sides fared less well, as might be expected in a competition in which upsets are all too rare. Jim Love took a half-century off Yorkshire, once his county, for Scotland at Hamilton Crescent, Glasgow, though little good it did them. They lost by ten wickets, Yorkshire reaching their target of 130 in well under half their allotted 55 overs.

Essex stumbled before putting the Combined Universities in their place at Fenner's, allowing the students to assemble a respectable 209 for seven and then losing two wickets with only 24 on the board. Gooch, sustaining his regal early-season form with a century, and Hussain restored order with an unbroken stand of 189 for the third wicket.

Essex will struggle to qualify from group C, however, as it was their first win in three matches and two teams, Glamorgan and Gloucestershire, have taken maximum points. In a tense affair at Bristol, Gloucestershire beat Middlesex by five runs.

Nottinghamshire are also unbeaten, having had the better of a high-scoring match at Stockton. Durham's apparently formidable total of 268 all out, based on half-centuries from Larkins, Prabhakar and Morris, proved within Nottinghamshire's range thanks principally to Robinson, who made 84.

☐ Middlesex have struck a late sponsorship deal worth £100,000. Two weeks before the season started the club had no backer but the electronics firm Panasonic has stepped in with a deal that will run for the 1995 season.

GROUP TABLES

GROUP A

	P	W	L	NR	Pts	NRR
Lancashire	3	3	0	0	6	21.18
Notts	3	3	0	0	6	8.25
Warwicks	3	1	2	0	2	4.62
Durham	3	1	2	0	2	-4.93
Minor Co	3	1	2	0	2	-13.03
Leics	3	0	3	0	0	-8.50

GROUP B

Yorkshire	2	2	0	0	4	25.79
Worcs	3	2	1	0	4	20.75
Derbyshire	2	2	0	0	4	16.81
Northants	2	0	2	0	0	-25.93
Scotland	3	0	3	0	0	-32.16

GROUP C

Glamorgan	3	3	0	0	6	29.65
Gloucs	3	3	0	0	6	15.49
Middlesex	3	2	1	0	4	3.53
Essex	3	1	2	0	2	-3.03
Hampshire	3	0	3	0	0	-8.11
Comb Univs	3	0	3	0	0	-37.20

GROUP D

Kent	2	2	0	0	4	32.12
Sussex	3	2	1	0	4	2.22
Surrey	3	1	2	0	2	5.86
Somerset	2	1	1	0	2	-9.85
Ireland	2	0	2	0	0	-36.86

NRR indicates net run-rate

Douglas serves up triumphant return

DESMOND DOUGLAS marked his England comeback after a five-year absence with a match-winning victory in the world table tennis championships in Tianjin, China, yesterday (Richard Eaton writes). Douglas, 39, sealed the 3-2 win over Holland by beating Gerard Bakker, after victories by England's leading player, the former China international, Chen Xinhua, over Bakker and Trinko Keen, the Dutch No 1.

Earlier, in a match against the formidable Belgian team which England lost 3-0, Douglas came within two points of beating Philippe Saive, the world No 59. England's women also had a mixed first day, losing 3-0 to Germany but beating Lithuania 3-0.

Conner change cleared

YACHTING: Dennis Conner was given final clearance from the America's Cup Trustees to swap his own yacht, *Stars & Stripes*, and defend the trophy against New Zealand in *Young America*, which was skippered during the defence trials by Kevin Mahaney. The five-time Cup challenger has also been allowed to transfer *Stars & Stripes'* allocation of sails to *Young America*, which the three-man Trustees panel decided was, in effect, Conner's second boat.

England places at stake

BOWLS: There are six newcomers in the teams for the England trial match at New Lount, Leicestershire, on May 28. They are Michael Bennett (Northumberland), Paul Wilkinson (Derbyshire), Graham Waldron (Berkshire), Gary Grace (Buckinghamshire), Gregory Moon (Oxfordshire) and Paul Bennett (Cornwall). England defend their title in the home international series at Llanelli in July.

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Dealer South **Love all** **Rubber bridge**

North:
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♥ Q 9 3 2
♦ A Q 5 4
♣ 7

West:
♠ 10 9 5
♥ —
♦ 8 6 3 2
♣ K Q J 9 5 3

East:
♠ Q 8 3
♥ 10 7 4
♦ K J 7
♣ 10 8 6 2

South:
♠ 7 6 2
♥ A K J 8 6 5
♦ 10 9
♣ A 4

S	W	N	E
1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4 NT (1)	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Opening lead: King of clubs

By Robert Sheehan
Bridge Correspondent

(1) It is not clear that North should take control. Although his hand is worth Six Hearts if South has an ace, bidding 4NT might preclude North-South from bidding a grand slam. How should South play Six Hearts?

When Lionel Wright, the New Zealand international, held the South hand, he won the ace of clubs and played the king of hearts. If both defenders followed, he intended to continue by ruffing a club, then, after playing a trump to the jack, he could lead the ten of diamonds, running it to East if West played low. East would then be end-played. He would either have to lead into one of dummy's tenaces or give a ruff and discard.

When West showed out on the first round of hearts, this line was no longer available, but there were still plenty of chances. After drawing the remaining trumps, ending in hand, declarer ran the ten of diamonds to East's jack: East did the best he could by returning a club. This was ruffed in dummy and the declarer continued with the ace of spades, just in case the queen was singleton. Next came ace and another diamond and South was home when the king of diamonds appeared on the third round. Had the diamond king not fallen, South would have been thrown back on his last chance, the spade finesse.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge every day in the sports pages of *The Times*.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BOUQUETIER
a. A French fireman
b. A cloche bonnet
c. A flower-holder

EDAPHIC
a. A misanthropic sectarian
b. From the soil
c. Having big ears

CAPEADOR
a. A kind of bullfighter
b. A Spanish gold coin
c. A South African monkey

ESCHATOCOL
a. The foot of a ridge
b. A tapeworm
c. The end of a roll

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

British success

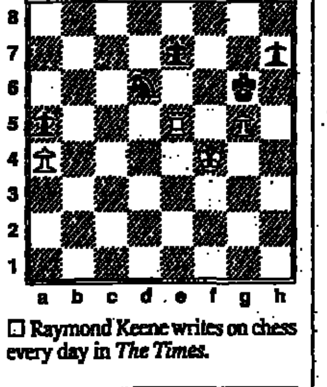
Michael Adams, the British Grandmaster from Truro, is heading for a possible career-best performance. With two rounds to go in Seville, the highest ranked tournament so far this year, Adams shares the lead with Anatoly Karpov, the Fide champion. Adams has already held Karpov to a draw in their individual game. In the seventh round, Adams defeated Alexei Shirov, the Latvian Grandmaster.

White: Michael Adams
Black: Alexei Shirov
Seville, April 1995

Pirc Defence

1	e4	g6
2	d4	Bg7
3	Nc3	c6
4	Nf3	d6
5	Be3	Nf6
6	Qd2	0-0
7	Bh6	b5
8	Bd3	Bg4
9	Bxg7	Kxg7
10	e5	dxe5
11	dxe5	Nfd7
12	Qe3	Qc7
13	e6	Bxe6
14	Ng5	Qe5
15	Nxe6+	fxe6
16	a4	Qxe3+
17	fxe3	b4
18	Ne4	Rf5
19	Nd2	Rd5
20	Bc4	Re5
21	0-0-0	Nc5
22	Rhe1	Nbd7
23	Nf3	Re4
24	Bd3	Rg4
25	Bf1	e5
26	g3	b3
27	e4	bxc2
28	Kxc2	Rf8
29	Bg2	a5
30	b3	Nb6
31	Rd2	Nca6
32	Nxe5	Nb4+
33	Kc3	Rg5
34	Nf3	Rg4
35	Rd4	Na2+
36	Kc4	Ne6
37	e5	Rb8
38	Rxg4	Rb4+
39	Kd3	Rxg4
40	Ke3	Rb4
41	Nd4	Nc5
42	Bxc6	Nxb3
43	Ne6+	Kh6
44	Rd1	Rb6
45	Bd7	g5
46	g4	Rb4
47	Rg1	Nc3
48	h4	Nd5+
49	Kf2	gxh4
50	Be8	Rf4+
51	Nxf4	Nxf4
52	g5+	Kg7
53	Rg4	Nd3+
54	Ke3	Nxe5
55	Rxh4	Nc5
56	Rf4	Nb7
57	Re4	Ng6
58	Bxg6	Kxg6
59	Re5	Nd6
60	Kf4	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Grigoriev — Nadisewa, Soviet Union, 1975. Here, Black forced checkmate with a neat series of tactics. Can you see how?

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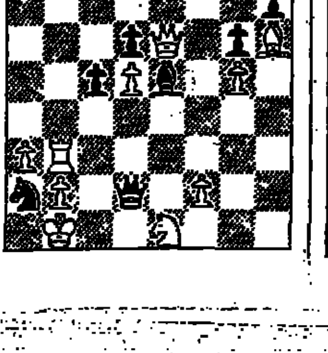


CRICKET SCOREBOARDS

Benson and Hedges Cup

Combined Universities v Essex

FENNER'S (Combined Universities won toss): Essex (2pts) beat Combined Universities by eight wickets

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES

*G Macmillan c Robinson b Such	54
I Sutcliffe c Ilott b Irani	39
T Pierce c Pearson b Such	26
R Spring c Lewis b Irani	35
W Kendall run out	17
A Whittall c Rollins b Ilott	12
A Edwards b Irani	1
N Killeen not out	2
U Rashid not out	6
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 4, nb 4)	17
Total (7 wkts, 55 overs)	209

†J Batty and S Renshaw did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-87, 2-112, 3-147, 4-177, 5-199, 6-200, 7-204

BOWLING: Williams 3.3-0-14-0, Ilott 11-0-39-1, Gooch 10.3-1-36-0; Irani 9-0-40-3; Pearson 11-0-43-0; Such 10-0-28-2.

ESSEX

G A Gooch not out	115
*P J Prichard run out	0
J J B Lewis c Batty b Renshaw	11
N Hussain not out	81
Extras (lb 4, w 2)	6
Total (2 wkts, 50.4 overs)	213

D D J Robinson, R C Irani, M C Ilott, N F Williams, P M Such, †R J Rollins and R M Pearson did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-24.

BOWLING: Renshaw 9-1-34-1; Edwards 10-1-40-0, Killeen 11-2-40-0; Rashid 11-0-46-0; Whittall 7-0-33-0; Macmillan 2.4-0-16-0.

Gold award G A Gooch

Umpires: D J Constant and K E Palmer.

Durham v Nottinghamshire

STOCKTON (Durham won toss). Nottinghamshire (2pts) beat Durham by five wickets

DURHAM

*M A Roseberry lbw b Pick	16
W Larkins lbw b Evans	80
M Prabhakar c and b Mike	69
J E Morris b Cairns	51
J I Longley c Pollard b Evans	20
M Saxelby b Evans	0
J Wood b Cairns	1
†C W Scott c Dowman b Cairns	1
A Walker b Cairns	0
J Boiling not out	1
S J E Brown run out	2
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 13, nb 4)	27
Total (55 overs)	268

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-151, 3-204, 4-262, 5-262, 6-262, 7-265, 8-265, 9-266.

BOWLING: Pick 11-3-48-1; Evans 11-2-58-3; Cairns 11-0-47-4; Mike 11-0-58-1; Alford 11-0-49-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

P R Pollard c Larkins b Boiling	56
*R T Robinson c Prabhakar b Brown	84
G F Archer c Scott b Brown	14
P Johnson not out	56
C L Cairns c Prabhakar b Walker	46
K P Evans c Prabhakar b Brown	5
M P Dowman not out	0
Extras (lb 4, w 6)	10
Total (5 wkts, 53.5 overs)	271

G W Mike, †B N French, R A Pick and J A Afford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-103, 2-142, 3-169, 4-250, 5-263.

BOWLING: Wood 11-1-58-0; Brown 10.5-1-39-3; Walker 11-0-53-1; Prabhakar 10-0-54-0; Boiling 11-0-63-1.

Gold award: C L Cairns.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and B Leadbeater.

Gloucestershire v Middlesex

BRISTOL (Middlesex won toss): Gloucestershire (2pts) beat Middlesex by five runs

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A J Wright b Follett	24
T H C Hancock c Brown b Feltham	8
M A Lynch run out	11
R I Dawson c Nash b Emburey	38
M W Alleyne c Brown b Nash	42
A Symonds c Pooley b Emburey	1
*†R C Russell not out	34
J Srinath b Nash	2
M C J Ball lbw b Fraser	1
K E Cooper not out	16
Extras (lb 6, w 3)	9
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	186

A M Smith did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-35, 3-68, 4-96, 5-100, 6-151, 7-155, 8-158

BOWLING: Fraser 10-0-43-1; Feltham 7-1-24-1; Nash 11-2-31-2; Follett 7-0-32-1; Emburey 11-3-23-2; Weekes 9-0-27-0.

MIDDLESEX

*M W Gatting c Lynch b Srinath	11
J C Pooley c Russell b Alleyne	47
M R Ramprakash lbw b Srinath	0
J D Carr c and b Ball	40
P N Weekes lbw b Ball	15
†K R Brown run out	23
D J Nash b Alleyne	16
M A Feltham not out	14
J E Emburey lbw b Srinath	0
A R C Fraser c Wright b Smith	1
D Follett run out	4
Extras (lb 7, w 3)	10
Total (10 wkts, 54.4 overs)	181

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-18, 3-82, 4-113, 5-120, 6-146, 7-167, 8-171, 9-176.

BOWLING: Srinath 10.4-4-26-3; Cooper 11-2-29-0, Smith 11-0-44-1; Ball 11-2-32-2; Alleyne 11-3-43-2.

Gold award: J Srinath.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and T E Jesty.

Hampshire v Glamorgan

SOUTHAMPTON (Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan (2pts) beat Hampshire by seven wickets

HAMPSHIRE

J P Stephenson b Dale	55
V P Terry lbw b Watkin	17
R A Smith c Hemp b Dale	83
*M C J Nicholas c Watkin b Dale	8
G W White run out	37
S D Udal c Dale b Barwick	9
H H Streak not out	3
†A N Aymes not out	4
Extras (lb 3, w 4, nb 2)	9
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs)	225

K D James, C A Connor and J N B Bovill did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-150, 3-168, 4-175, 5-209, 6-220

BOWLING: Watkin 11-1-51-1; Lefebvre 11-2-35-0; Croft 11-1-34-0; Barwick 11-0-48-1; Dale 9-0-42-3; Butcher 2-0-12-0.

GLAMORGAN

S P James b Stephenson	54
D L Hemp lbw b Stephenson	52
*M P Maynard c Aymes b James	37
P A Cottey not out	38
A Dale not out	19
Extras (b 4, lb 6, w 9, nb 8)	27
Total (3 wkts, 46.1 overs)	227

R D B Croft, G P Butcher, R P Lefebvre, †C P Metson, S L Watkin and S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-116, 2-121, 3-188

BOWLING: Streak 3-0-28-0; Connor 7-1-30-0; Bovill 8.1-0-50-0; Udal 11-1-37-0; Stephenson 10-1-35-2; James 7-0-37-1.

Gold award: A Dale

Umpires: G I Burgess and P Willey.

Kent v Somerset

CANTERBURY (Kent won toss): Kent (2pts) beat Somerset by 119 runs

KENT

T R Ward b Trump	113
*M R Benson b Trump	36
M J Walker lbw b Rose	34
P A deSilva run out	10
G R Cowdrey c Turner b van Troost	1
M V Fleming not out	44
M A Ealham b Caddick	14
†S A Marsh not out	2
Extras (b 1, lb 12, w 13)	26
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs)	280

T N Wren, M M Patel and D W Headley did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-117, 2-199, 3-209, 4-216, 5-216, 6-280.

BOWLING: Rose 11-2-50-1; van Troost 9-0-70-1; Caddick 11-1-42-1; Mushtaq Ahmed 11-0-41-0; Trump 11-1-46-2; Hayhurst 2-0-18-0.

SOMERSET

M N Lathwell lbw b Wren	10
M E Trescothick c Ward b Wren	9
P D Bowler c Cowdrey b Wren	0
R J Harden c Marsh b Wren	0
*A N Hayhurst b Wren	4
G D Rose c deSilva b Patel	36
†R J Turner not out	37
Mushtaq Ahmed c and b deSilva	0
A R Caddick c Wren b Patel	28
H R J Trump c Marsh b Wren	11
A P van Troost c Cowdrey b Ealham	5
Extras (lb 10, w 9, nb 2)	21
Total (52.5 overs)	161

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-17, 3-18, 4-22, 5-31, 6-79, 7-80, 8-125, 9-142.

BOWLING. Headley 11-4-18-0; Wren 11-0-41-6; Ealham 4.5-0-27-1; Fleming 4-0-15-0; Patel 11-1-29-2; deSilva 11-0-21-1.

Gold award: T N Wren.

Umpires: R Julian and V A Holder.

Leicestershire v Minor Counties

LEICESTER (Minor Counties won toss): Minor Counties (2pts) beat Leicestershire by 26 runs

MINOR COUNTIES

S J Dean c Cronje b Wells	44
R J Evans c Maddy b Mason	25
L Potter lbw b Parsons	32
*I Cockbain not out	65
S C Goldsmith b Mullally	17
†M I Humphries b Wells	9
K Jahangir c Robinson b Parsons	0
D R Thomas lbw b Mullally	6
P G Newman lbw b Parsons	1
R A Evans run out	0
K A Arnold b Cronje	0
Extras (lb 17, w 6, nb 2)	25
Total (54.4 overs)	224

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-77, 2-85, 3-143, 4-172, 5-191, 6-201, 7-213, 8-214, 9-214.

BOWLING: Mullally 10.4-2-39-2; Millns 3-0-13-0; Parsons 11-0-46-3; Cronje 11-2-41-1; Wells 8-0-34-2, Mason 11-2-34-1.

LEICESTERSHIRE

T J Boon c Humphries b Arnold	54
V J Wells lbw b Potter	39
W J Cronje c Jahangir b Potter	0
*J J Whitaker b Newman	2
†P E Robinson b Newman	1
B F Smith c and b Potter	21
D L Maddy b Goldsmith	27
G J Parsons c Humphries b Newman	28
D J Millns b Newman	6
A D Mullally c Thomas b Potter	3
T Mason not out	5
Extras (lb 8, w 2, nb 2)	12
Total (50.3 overs)	198

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-70, 2-70, 3-72, 4-76, 5-126, 6-126, 7-183, 8-187, 9-191.

BOWLING. Newman 10-1-29-4, Arnold 10-2-33-1, R A Evans 10-1-42-0, Potter 10.3-2-23-4, Thomas 3-0-31-0, Goldsmith 7-0-32-1.

Gold award: L Potter.

Umpires. B Dudleston and B J Meyer.

Northamptonshire v Worcestershire

NORTHAMPTON (Northamptonshire won toss). Worcestershire (2pts) beat Northamptonshire by 103 runs

WORCESTERSHIRE

W P C Weston c Penberthy b Taylor	3
*T S Curtis c Warren b Curran	30
G A Hick c and b Curran	94
T M Moody c and b Bailey	41
G R Haynes run out	27
D A Leatherdale c Warren b Curran	2
†S J Rhodes c Kumble b Curran	6
N V Radford not out	12
R K Illingworth not out	4
Extras (b 4, lb 9, w 8)	21
Total (7 wkts, 55 overs)	240

Parvaz Mirza and P J Newport did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-69, 3-160, 4-201, 5-207, 6-215, 7-219.

BOWLING. Taylor 8-1-29-1; Hughes 4-1-15-0; Penberthy 7-0-39-0; Curran 11-3-38-4; Kumble 11-0-40-0; Capel 10-0-37-0; Bailey 4-0-29-1

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

R R Montgomerie run out	5
A Fordham c Rhodes b Haynes	20
R J Bailey c Rhodes b Newport	0
*A J Lamb b Haynes	16
K M Curran b Illingworth	50
†R J Warren c and b Illingworth	8
D J Capel b Illingworth	6
A L Penberthy c Rhodes b Haynes	17
A Kumble b Newport	2
J G Hughes st Rhodes b Illingworth	0
J P Taylor not out	7
Extras (lb 5, w 1)	6
Total (46.5 overs)	137

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-12, 2-37, 3-58, 4-76, 5-88, 6-117, 7-120, 8-123, 9-137.

BOWLING Newport 11-3-13-2, Parvaz Mirza 9-0-40-0; Haynes 6.5-1-21-3; Radford 9-1-31-0; Illingworth 11-1-27-4.

Gold award: G A Hick.

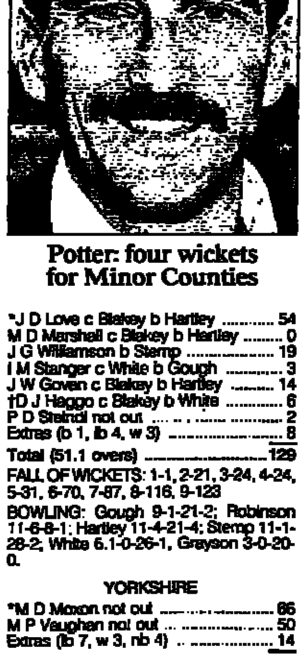
Umpires: A A Jones and D R Shepherd.

Scotland v Yorkshire

GLASGOW (HAMILTON CRESCENT) (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire (2pts) beat Scotland by ten wickets

SCOTLAND

S T Crawley c White b Robinson	14
G N Reifer b Gough	0
G B J McGurk b Hartley	7
M J Smith b Stemp	2
*J D Love c Blakey b Hartley	54
M D Marshall c Blakey b Hartley	0
J G Williamson b Stemp	19
I M Stanger c White b Gough	3
J W Govan c Blakey b Hartley	14
†D J Haggo c Blakey b White	6
P D Steindl not out	2
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 3)	8
Total (51.1 overs)	129



Potter: four wickets for Minor Counties

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-21, 3-24, 4-24, 5-31, 6-70, 7-87, 8-116, 9-123

BOWLING: Gough 9-1-21-2; Robinson 11-6-8-1; Hartley 11-4-21-4; Stemp 11-1-28-2; White 6.1-0-26-1, Grayson 3-0-20-0.

YORKSHIRE

*M D Moxon not out	66
M P Vaughan not out	50
Extras (lb 7, w 3, nb 4)	14
Total (no wkt, 22.3 overs)	130

D Byas, M G Bevan, C White, †R J Blakey, A P Grayson, D Gough, P J Hartley, R D Stemp and M A Robinson did not bat.

BOWLING: Marshall 5-0-24-0; Stanger 6-1-23-0; Steindl 4-0-32-0; Williamson 5-0-17-0; Govan 2.3-0-27-0.

Gold award: P J Hartley.

Umpires: J D Bond and J W Holder.

Surrey v Sussex

THE OVAL (Surrey won toss): Sussex (2pts) beat Surrey by eight wickets

SURREY

D J Bicknell b Stephenson	14
M A Butcher lbw b Giddins	5
*†A J Stewart c and b Salisbury	29
A D Brown lbw b Stephenson	82
D M Ward not out	60
A J Hollioake lbw b Giddins	3
Nadeem Shahid run out	0
A C S Pigott b Giddins	8
R W Nowell not out	15
Extras (lb 13, w 4, nb 6)	23
Total (7 wkts, 55 overs)	239

S G Kenlock and J E Benjamin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-27, 3-107, 4-167, 5-176, 6-176, 7-195

BOWLING: Giddins 11-2-28-3; Stephenson 11-2-35-2; Salisbury 11-1-40-1; Lewry 11-0-71-0; Greenfield 7-0-31-0, North 4-0-21-0.

SUSSEX

C W J Athey c Hollioake b Pigott	97
J W Hall c and b Nowell	29
N J Lenham not out	73
*A P Wells not out	23
Extras (lb 6, w 4, nb 8)	18
Total (2 wkts, 52.1 overs)	240

K Greenfield, J A North, F D Stephenson, †P Moores, I D K Salisbury, J Lewry and E S H Giddins did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-81, 2-198.

BOWLING: Benjamin 11-0-33-0; Kenlock 6-1-35-0; Nowell 11-1-35-1; Pigott 9.1-0-55-1; Hollioake 8-0-36-0; Nadeem Shahid 7-0-40-0.

Gold award: C W J Athey

Umpires: J H Harris and R A White.

Horan wins selection as Australia take risk

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

AUSTRALIA, heedless of the advice proffered last week by David Campese, named Tim Horan yesterday in a squad full of experience to defend the World Cup in South Africa this month. Half of the 26-strong squad played in the 1991 tournament and four remain from the inaugural tournament of 1987 — Campese, Michael Lynagh, Troy Coker and Mark Hartill.

Campese, the world's leading try-scorer, suggested that Horan should not be considered because of the knee injury that prevented him playing for nearly a year. However, the Queensland centre has convinced the selectors that his rehabilitation is all but complete, though he will not play in the opening match of the World Cup — against South Africa on May 25.

"That team depends on how we play this weekend against Argentina and how the guys are looking in training, but Horan won't be playing," Bob Dwyer, the coach, said. Horan himself, still only 24, is delighted merely to have made the party. "It's like a new test career," he said. "There are still parts of my game I have to work on, but I've got a few more weeks."

Whether Horan can reclaim the form that made his partnership with Jason Little the best centre combination in world rugby has yet to be proved, but his many admirers will welcome him back. At the same time, the Australian Rugby Union is taking active steps to ensure that players not selected for the tournament are not snapped up by rugby league scouts.

"A lot of players have been spoken to already," Dwyer said. "We've also targeted a lot of players who were outside the training squad, some very young guys as well who we think have a great future in the game. It's important for them to realise the opportunities that do exist within the game."

Dwyer believes that he has a squad well capable of defending the Webb Ellis Cup, won at Twickenham in 1991. "It remains to be seen yet whether our top players will play as well as they did in '91," he said, "but I'm certainly more confident of the depth of strength in the team.

"There are a number of positions in the team that would certainly be hotly contested, whereas in 1991 you would think that that maybe was not the case."

Michael Bradley, the experienced scrum half, has withdrawn from Ireland's final warm-up game for the World Cup, against Italy in Treviso on Saturday. He is the second senior international to pull out through injury, after Simon Geoghegan's withdrawal with a groin strain, giving the unrelated O'Mahonys their international debuts.

David O'Mahony, Bradley's club colleague at Cork Constitution, comes in at scrum half, although he won a Blue for Oxford University in the centre, while Darragh O'Mahony, a student at University College, Dublin, plays on the wing.

ITV will field eight former internationals in their commentary team at the World Cup, among them former BBC employees Chris Rea and Gareth Edwards. The team, unveiled yesterday, also includes Trevor McDonald, recognised now as a news announcer but a former sports correspondent, as part of a schedule which will cost around £8.5 million.

On the domestic front, Gloucester, who will host one of the Western Samoans' eight tour matches in England next season, have appointed Michael Coley as their chief executive and marketing manager. Coley, formerly identified with Harlequins, spent five years as the Rugby Football Union's marketing manager and now takes over at Kingsholm from Mike Burton.

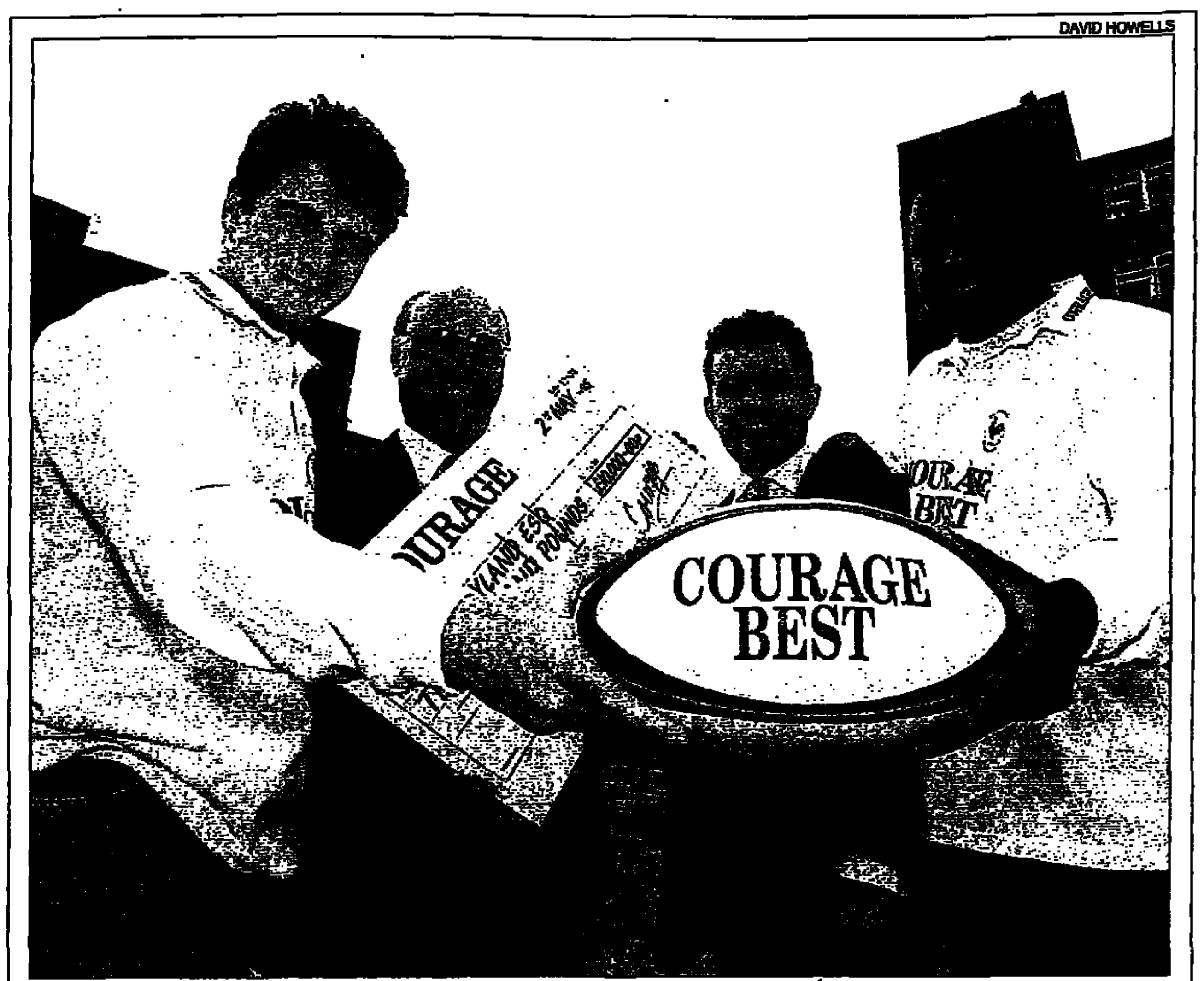
The Samoan itinerary includes a new venue in the Alfred McAlpine Stadium, in Huddersfield, where the Northern Division is scheduled to play on December 5. The North, with no sizeable rugby union venue of their own, have played at Elland Road, Leeds, and Anfield, Liverpool, in recent years and now go to the new Huddersfield stadium, which is shared by the town's rugby league and football clubs.

DETAILS

AUSTRALIA WORLD CUP SQUAD: Backs: M Pini, J Roff, M Burke, D Campese, D Smith, D Herbert, T Horan, J Little, S Bowen, M Lynagh, G Gregan, P Slattery. Forwards: D Crowley, A Daly, M Hartill, E McKenzie, M Foley, P Kearns, J Eales, R McCall, W Waugh, T Coker, T Gavin, W Ofahengaue, I Tabua, D Wilson.

WESTERN SAMOA ITINERARY (Scottish venues to be confirmed): November: 8: Scottish selection 11: Scottish selection. 14: Scottish selection. 18: Scotland (Murrayfield) 21: Oxford University. 25: Cambridge University. 29: London Division (Twickenham) December: 2: Midland Division (Leicester). 5: Northern Division (Huddersfield) 9: South West Division (Gloucester) 12: England A (venue to be confirmed) 16: England (Twickenham)

DAVID HOWELLS



Mike Catt and Steve Ojomoh join Paddy Johnson, second left, a Courage executive, in congratulating Philip Hyland

Mason's boot hooks Fish City £10,000

THE winner of the £10,000 first prize in *The Times* Courage First XV is Philip Hyland from Hull, whose aptly-named team, Fish City XV, accumulated 5,678 rated points over the 18 weeks of the Courage league season.

His selection of Simon Mason as his kicker proved critical, with the Newcastle Gosforth full back contributing 1,158 rated points.

Mr Hyland's team comprised: 15, S Mason (Newcastle Gosforth); 14, M Kemp (Saracens); 13, J Buckton (Saracens); 12, G Childs (Wasps); 11, P Harries (Saracens); 10, N Ryan (Waterloo); 9, R Kitchin (Harlequins); 1, A Windo (Gloucester); 2, T Garnett (Wakefield); 3, P Burnell (London Scottish); 4, D Baldwin (Sale); 5, M Bayfield (Northampton); 6, J Green (Saracens); 7, D Eves (Bristol); 8, A Diprose (Saracens).

Steve Blake, of Marlow, who was second, 52 points behind, included seven Newcastle Gosforth players in his team and they, with three from London Irish, were his main scorers. Mr Blake wins a trip for two to Durban, courtesy of Sport Abroad, to watch England's World Cup pool games.

Third-placed Tim Messer, of Milton Keynes, missed out on the trip to South Africa by just two points. He and the nine other third-prize winners carry off a generous supply of Courage Best and Courage Directors beer, a fully-installed BT satellite system and two four-hour VHS video tapes on which to record England's matches.

In the competition covering the second half of the season, the 674 points scored by his selection on Saturday boosted Mr R Cruse, of Westcliff-on-Sea, from eighteenth position to first. He will enjoy a trip for two to Paris next season to watch France against England.

Second, on 3,180 points, was Mr D Hutcheson, of Northolt, Middlesex, who wins a trip for two to see the Scotland v England game at Murrayfield next year. M Jones, of Sheffield, in third, will watch the Pilkington Cup final at Twickenham on Saturday, as a guest of Courage.

PRIZE WINNERS

The main competition

Prize-winners	Nominated club	Points
Mr P Hyland, Hull	Marist RFC	5,678
Mr S Blake, Marlow	Marlow Carriage SW2	5,626
Mr T Messer, Milton Keynes	Winslow RFC	5,624
Maj A McCubbin, Devon & Dorset Regiment	Rinteln RFC	5,555
Mr D Brook, Harrogate	Newcastle Gosforth RFC	5,214
Mr P Gorring, Thirsk	Malton & Norton RFC	5,180
Mrs P Saverimutto, Wallasey	Oldershaw RFC	5,148
Mr T Pearce, Leeds	West Park Bramhope	5,112
Mr S Stone, London, SW6	Old Leysians RFC	5,105
Mr G Pierce, Wirral	Caldy RFC	5,055
Mr R Eeles, Surbiton	Racal Decca RFC	5,028
Mr I Sadd, Lutterworth	North Walsham RFC	5,028

The competition covering the second half of the season

Prize-winners	Nominated club	Points
Mr R Cruse, Westcliff-on-Sea	Old Westcliffians RFC	3,243
Mr D Hutcheson, Northolt	Roxeth Manor RFC	3,180
Mr M Jones, Sheffield	Meadowhead School	3,103

Widnes seek injunction against RFL

By Christopher Irvine

THE Rugby Football League (RFL) quoted the rule book at Widnes yesterday in response to a legal challenge made by the Cheshire club to regain admission to the revamped £87 million Super League. The club was originally included, but then cast out when the number of clubs was reduced from 14 to 12.

Their reinstatement appears out of the question. The RFL told Widnes that it had no authority to amend the resolution passed at the special meeting of clubs last Sunday at which 32 voted on the streamlined Super League from next March, with Widnes the only dissenting voice and Keighley absent. Paul Harrison, the spokesman for the RFL, said: "According to the bye-laws, if Widnes wished to change a resolution, they must call a special general meeting of clubs and put forward proposals.

"The overwhelming majority for the proposal demands the league proceed in accordance with the clubs' wishes."

Yesterday, Widnes applied for an injunction against the RFL when no hope was offered that they would be admitted. Keighley are to claim £500,000 compensation for their exclusion and Featherstone Rovers are threatening legal action if Widnes or Keighley gain entry.

Steve Wagner, the Featherstone chairman, said that, having finished eleventh in the Stones Bitter championship, the club had reluctantly agreed that the top ten, along with London and Paris, should comprise the Super League. "We should be first reserve," he said.

Garry Schofield, of Leeds, has been criticised by the RFL for accusing it of channelling bonuses to stop poaching of players by the Australian Rugby League (ARL) into shoring up the Wigan team. Shane Richardson, the Super League negotiator, said that financial assistance had been arranged to try to keep three Leeds players, Ellery Hanley, Alan Tait and Craig Innes, who are considering offers made by the ARL.

Meaning of life and the allure of rugby codes

The recent spate of stories about rugby league has divided the country: like all other stories about rugby league. Passion in the north; indifference, to the point of bewilderment, in the south — because rugby league is a pale imitation of rugby union. Or, let me put that another way — rugby union is a pale imitation of rugby league.

Both rugby factions claim that theirs is the better game. It is an argument that has lasted a hundred years — the pub argument of the century.

Every footling argument demands the appearance of the man from Mars, and he cannot see what all the fuss is about. "You mean you bought me all this way for this? Daz and Persil, Pepsi and Coke, league and union."

So we apologise and explain: I'm afraid it does matter. It matters, not for itself, but because people care.

The Martian considers this for a while. "I don't like the job," he says. "Next, you will ask me which is the better religion, Anglicanism or Methodism." It is not a question of better, is it? It is a question of background and upbringing and ancestry and place and time.

But, Mr Martian, we have been in this bar for one hundred years, discussing lineouts and scrums and the essential difference between Ellery and Will, Wigan and Bath, England and Great Britain. You must help us.

The best sort of dialectical Martians come equipped with a fearsome weapon called Occam's razor — a finely-honed instrument. It is a weapon that can perform the impossible. So the first trick is to cut away the social history of the two codes. Slash — there goes a century of class war.

Second slash — and there go claims for the moral high ground about amateurism and, with a backhand cut, any counter-claims about northern honesty.

However, rugby union has an international dimension — slash! Not compared to football (traditionally, only six nations play union seriously), and anyway, we are not talking about the competitive structure, we are talking about the game itself.

Aye, but Wigan could beat the England rugby union side at rugby union. Probably they could, but the argument is not about player-strength.

Well, union is a game played for the enjoyment of players, not spectators. The argument, though, is about the satisfactory nature of each game as a spectacle.

So what are the games about? Running, tackling, passing. There is more of all three in league; and the tackling in league is almost all head-on. League is harder and faster; so league moves ahead.

So the union man changes tack and talks about tactical complexity. The league man counters with complexities of his own, but he is not convincing. The Martian resolves this.

The essential difference between the two games is one of emphasis. Union is set-piece dominated, league is more free-form. One game mainly reads from the sheet-music, the other has more solos and improvisations.

One is more coach-dominated than the other. This is neither virtue nor vice; it is a matter of taste, and the Martian does not make judgments on such grounds. However, he does point out that football is the most popular game on the planet, because it is a game for players, not coaches.

The argument is mired. A play-off; the Martian agrees to sit through two videos. The league man chooses the England-Australia game at Wembley last autumn; the union man the game this season between England and France.

"Why is Shaun Edwards leaving the field?" Because he tried to take somebody's head off, and that's against the rules. "I see. Well, great game."

Then the union match. "What is that penalty for?" Er, dunno, offside maybe? "Well, why wasn't that offside?" Er, dunno, maybe the ref was playing advantage. "Why is that man stamping on the other man? Is that allowed?" Maybe the referee didn't see it. "OK. Anyway, great game."

Finally, the Martian sits in judgment. "Learn, Earthlings, first of all, that there is no way that one game is intrinsically better than another. Any game played with belief and passion is a good game. The very argument is fallacious.

"Both games are good games, but I didn't really understand the rules of rugby union." Don't worry, neither do the players. The referees understand them, but all in a different way. But thanks, Mr Martian, you have put your webbed finger on the game's essential flaw.

"No worries, but next time you want me to leave the canals of home, ask me something easier. The meaning of life, for example.

MIDWEEK VIEW

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THE TIMES COURAGE FIRST XV

COURAGE BEST WEEKLY SCORE

The winner of the final competition week in the 1994/95 Courage League season is Mr S. Jackson of Teddington, Middlesex, with 842 points. On a Saturday when many of the players listed for the competition did not take the field, Mr Jackson did well to have seven scorers, including three forwards who amassed 480 points between them.

He wins two cases of Courage Best and a fully installed BT satellite system, while his nominated club, Richmond, win five cases of Courage beer, a Courage England shirt and an autographed rugby ball.

But, of course, all eyes this week are on the final placings in the main competition, covering the 18 matches that comprised the Courage League season, and the separate competition which covers the last nine matches, full prize details of which are given above.

THE TOP 70 ENTRIES OVERALL

Pos Team name	(Selector)	Week points	Cum points	Pos Team name	(Selector)	Week points	Cum points
1 Fish City XV	Mr P Hyland	317	5678	36 OLSP RFC	Mr M McCrum	405	4717
2 Who Ate The Pies	Mr Steve Blake	372	5626	37 Linden	Mr A Newbold	309	4712
3 Messers Marauder	Mr Tim Messer	457	5624	38 No team name	DM Davies	232	4700
4 Ama Fidelis	Maj A McCubbin	252	5555	39 The Welsh Exiles	Mr E G Shephard	112	4663
5 Blue And Whites	Mr D Brook	42	5214	40 Mutilation	JBV Wood	507	4663
6 Toppers X V	P Gorring	568	5180	41 Gosforth Gaffers	P Levinson	452	4653
7 Savvy Superstars	Mrs P Saverimutto	42	5148	42 Harnham Wood RFC	CM Lewis	477	4646
8 Sammy's Choice	Mr Tim Pearce	745	5112	43 Whistlers	Mr GF Harries	288	4644
9 Walham Fifteen	Mr Simon Stone	155	5105	44 No team name	Mr D MacNally	60	4638
10 Baby In Waiting	Mr Gary Pierce	237	5055	45 Owls On Top	Mr A Hibberd	340	4635
11 Newky Gnomes	RW Eeles	382	5028	46 Newcastle Brown	GS Brown	517	4633
12 Gosforth To Go U	Mr I Sadd	382	5028	47 Julian Clareys	Mr D Crane	278	4632
13 Wilsons Wizards	Mr M Wilson	672	5014	48 Rugby Specials	Mr B Corless	170	4626
14 The Skewen Trojs	Mr M Jones	330	4995	49 No team name	Mr Bruce Miller	158	4621
15 Grand Slam First	Mr A E Jones	100	4945	50 Bath In Disguise	Mr MC Elbourn	78	4618
16 Woodstock First	Mr T C Jay	245	4939	51 Pete's Perfectio	Mr PR Burke	214	4617
17 The Vice Squad	Mr AJ Pink	162	4919	52 Hurworthians	GR French	95	4613
18 Mathew-Fifteen	Mr C Mathew	390	4915	53 Saracen Select X	Mr S Robinson	508	4606
19 Kirsty's Dream	Ms M Carter	552	4901	54 No team name	DM Davies	232	4600
20 Mansfielders	AE Colford	562	4828	55 Selectawinner 4	Mr L Deacon	271	4594
21 Windsor's XV	Mr W Roberts	185	4806	56 The Professions	Mr C Vincent	277	4589
22 Belmont	Mrs Forida McFarland	427	4804	57 Playtub Aures	Mr P Astbury	457	4575
23 Earwigs	F Bell	220	4797	58 Northcote	J Farthing	397	4570
24 No team name	Mr Lawes	227	4795	59 Top Guns	Mr LJR Davies	429	4563
25 Simons Pie Men	Dr S Rowles	382	4783	60 Telegraph Reader	Mr R Ousley	232	4562
26 Woodlanders	Mr A Benton	498	4780	61 LI Wanderers	Mr Christopher Jones	155	4560
27 Pyle Pirates	Mr CL Barclay	284	4775	62 Fylde	Mr A Tamburro	322	4542
28 1Div Two Allstars	CS Lines	212	4769	63 The Canary 15s	Mr S Mingay	240	4541
29 Fuhrers Select X	DA Crawley-Boevey	457	4768	64 Sevillians	Mr M Leighton	245	4540
30 Price Warriors	J Richards	132	4745	65 Mels Flying XV	Mr M Horton	121	4537
31 Boot Money	Mr SAW Jones	282	4740	66 No team name	Mr K Melville	383	4536
32 Storming Norms	Mr Duncan Cross	202	4739	67 Lucy's Turkey	Ms K Brown	142	4533
33 Wing Three Walks	RW Muir	220	4729	68 Lamb Chops XV	Mr M Deasy	632	4529
34 Super Side Steps	Mr Andrew Stockbeck	70	4726	69 Stonecrushers XV	M Downey	205	4528
35 No team name	Mr LR Green	227	4718	70 Felix	AJ Gillespie	297	4526

THE TOP 30 FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE SEASON

1 Hursley Tigers	Mr R Cruse	674	3243	16 St Marychurch 4	SI Roberts	213	2865
2 Hutchshire 2nd X	D Hutcheson	328	3180	17 Fluffy 15	Mr Richard Horner	16	2858
3 Morganbeaters	ML Jones	190	3103	18 Lilbourne Louts	J Jenkins	322	2843
4 Humbug Players	Mr Mick Nicholas	262	3043	19 Setry 2	S Everard	162	2841
5 Oakar's Roscoes	Rev P Smith	380	3024	20 Teinal	Mr T Kennedy	382	2801
6 Courtfield	A Poole	325	2994	21 Abbeys Angels	S McCormack	227	2780
7 Oval And Rugby	D Rae	256	2988	22 Lucy's Lovelys	Miss L Grenside	602	2763
8 Barnes NotAndrew	Mr Steve Smith	70	2982	23 Burley Whites	Mr P White	135	2759
9 Amalgamated Unio	Mr D Rae	213	2955	24 Satyrs 2	AG Flinn	437	2746
10 Vince Select 15	Mr V P Kitley	599	2945	25 Maniacs II	Mr MJ Stoner	162	2746
11 Whist	Mrs E Howard	77	2943	26 Team Arry	Mr DM Green	438	2740
12 The Army 3	Mr A Charles	140	2900	27 No team name	Mrs CAV Sharman	192	2738
13 Observatory Row	Mr T Richards	537	2878	28 Bevan's Boys	Mr D Bevan	402	2729
14 More Jones Boys	ML Jones	142	2870	29 Chocaolics	J Cawthorne	290	2729
15 Travellers	Miss GT Williams	325	2869	30 Ty Coch Devils	EG Shephard	232	2728

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THE SCORES FROM LAST SATURDAY'S LEAGUE GAMES AND CUMULATIVE POINTS TOTALS

PLAYER	RATING	ACTUAL PTS	RATED PTS	CUM PTS	CUM PTS 2ND HALF
15. FULL BACK					
LEAGUE 1					
1 J CALLARD	2K	8	16	300	140
2 P HULL	11	0	0	88	0
3 M MAPLETOFT	4K	0	0	340	96
4 D PEARS	15	0	0	0	0
5 W KILFORD	17	0	0	85	85
6 I HUNTER	13	0	0	120	65
7 S TABERNER	18	6	0	144	144
8 J MALLINDER	13	0	0	264	195
9 A BUZZA	17	0	0	0	0
10 K OLIPHANT	6K	0	0	324	12
LEAGUE 2					
11 R GEE	16	5	80	80	80
12 A PARKER	5K	0	0	468	115
13 R HENNESSY	10	5	85	475	190
14 D MILLARD	16	5	80	320	80
15 C DOSSETT	17	0	0	85	0
16 S MASON	6K	7	42	1158	552
17 M GALLAGHER	7K	0	0	844	210
18 A TURNBINGLEY	4K	2	8	642	345
19 M JACKSON	5K	6	30	1055	580
20 S SWINDELLS	4K	6	24	640	288
14. RIGHT WING					
21 A SWIFT	10	0	0	200	80
22 D JOHN	12	0	0	180	120
23 P HOLFORD	14	0	5	580	295
24 J KEYTER	16	0	0	80	0
25 T UNDERWOOD	10	0	0	200	80
26 H THORNEYCROFT	15	0	0	75	75
27 J NAYLOR	12	5	60	180	120
28 S VERBICKAS	7	0	0	105	0
29 P HOPLEY	11	7	77	407	297
30 O EVANS	12	5	60	240	180
31 B EVANS	14	0	0	0	0
32 B HANAVAN	6K	0	0	225	90
33 M CORCORAN	6K	22	132	884	294
34 T WATSON	10	0	0	0	0
35 D HANSON	12	0	0	60	60
36 D CASADO	13	0	0	65	0
37 R BYROM	14	0	0	0	0
38 M KEMP	16	0	0	0	0
39 K MORLEY	13	0	0	190	0
40 G MEREDITH	14	0	0	0	0
301 S BARDEN	13	0	0	6	0
302 D PAYNE	12	0	0	120	120
13.OUTSIDE CENTRE					
41 P DE GLANVILLE	13	0	0	195	65
42 A SAVERIMUTTO	8	0	0	0	0
43 B MASLEN	17	0	0	0	0
44 G THOMPSON	16	0	0	240	0
45 I BATES	17	0	0	0	0
46 K MORGAN	18	0	0	0	0
47 S LANGFORD	7K	8	56	567	290
48 J BAXENDELL	17	0	0	285	85
49 D HOPLEY	14	5	70	490	70
50 A BLYNE	22	0	0	320	320
303 D EDWARDS	17	0	0	0	0
51 M CURTIS	23	0	0	0	0
52 P REED	19	0	0	0	0
53 R HENDERSON	19	0	0	570	85
54 M SLY	22	0	0	115	115
55 J BONNEY	20	0	0	0	0
56 R WILKINSON	13	0	0	260	0
57 A FURLEY	22	0	0	330	0
58 J BUCKTON	16	0	0	270	90
59 A METCALFE	22	0	0	110	0
60 A NORTHEY	23	0	0	115	0
12. INSIDE CENTRE					
61 J GUSCOTT	10	0	0	80	80
62 R KNIBBS	13	0	0	0	0
63 S MORRIS	15	0	0	390	0
64 W CARLING	12	0	0	60	0
65 S POTTER	13	5	65	65	65
66 N BEAL	8	0	0	0	0
67 I WYNN	14	0	0	490	210
68 G STOCKS	17	0	0	425	285
69 G CHILDS	16	0	0	320	80
70 P HODDER	15	0	0	375	75
71 M LAKEY	12	0	0	132	0
72 S GOUGH	17	0	0	612	507
73 S BURNS	14	0	0	0	0
74 R ERIKSSON	15	0	0	225	75
75 A KERR	7K	0	0	371	287
76 M TETLOW	20	0	0	100	100
77 S MUSTO	21	0	0	210	105
78 S RAVENSCROFT	19	0	0	0	0
79 P WHITE	20	0	0	300	300
80 A HANDLEY	13	0	0	0	0
11. LEFT WING					
81 S GEOGHEGAN	10	0	0	150	100
82 S CROSSLAND	12	0	0	0	0
83 T SMITH	5K	0	0	120	45
84 D O'LEARY	7	0	0	35	0
85 R UNDERWOOD	11	0	0	165	165
86 C MOIR	14	0	0	0	0
87 P HAMER	13	0	0	160	104
88 M APPLESON	16	5	80	240	80
89 S HUNTER	14	0	0	140	0
90 D COOKE	14	0	0	140	70
91 D WOODMAN	11	0	0	0	0
92 G ANDERTON	15	0	0	375	225
93 V ROLANDI	17	0	0	0	0
94 S WICHARY	9	0	0	171	0
95 E ANDERSON	14	0	0	140	140
96 T PENN	12	10	120	480	300
97 A SMALLWOOD	9	5	45	180	135
98 P HARRIES	12	0	0	300	120
99 R THOMPSON	13	0	0	465	280
100 S GREENHALGH	16	0	0	80	80
304 B POWIS	14	0	0	0	0
305 N ROBINSON	14	0	0	0	0
10. STAND OFF					
101 M CATT	10	0	0	300	80
102 M TAINTON	2K	3	6	392	146
103 L OSBORNE	10	7	70	420	380
104 P CHALLINOR	7K	0	0	721	364
105 J HARRIS	2K	3	6	362	130
106 P GRAYSON	3K	8	24	667	243
107 G AINSCOUGH	6K	12	72	396	300
108 P TURNER	3K	0	0	275	93
109 R ANDREW	2K	0	0	249	92
110 J STABLER	6K	0	0	80	0
111 R ANGELL	4K	0	0	480	150
112 I BARCLAY	17	3	51	731	408
113 O COBBE	22	0	0	572	505
114 M WALKER	6K	0	0	370	75
115 S HODGKINSON	5K	17	85	790	390
116 I CHANDLER	9K	0	0	45	0
117 N CARROLL	12	0	0	39	36
118 A LEE	13	0	0	416	117
119 R PETYT	10	0	0	80	0
120 N RYAN	24	5	120	840	384
9. SCRUM HALF					
121 I SANDERS	16	0	0	80	0
122 K BRACKEN	13	0	0	0	0
123 B FENLEY	15	0	0	0	0
124 R KITCHIN	18	0	0	80	80
125 A KARDOONI	19	0	0	85	0
126 M DAWSON	18	0	0	240	180
127 D MORRIS	12	0	0	180	120
128 C SAVERIMUTTO	22	0	0	0	0
129 S BATES	16	0	0	80	80
130 J WRIGLEY	14	0	0	0	0
131 M DOUGLAS	22	0	0	560	0
132 C O'TOOLE	23	0	0	115	0
133 R SAUNDERS	19	0	0	95	0
134 K TROUP	23	0	0	463	0
135 G BECCONSALL	20	0	0	100	100
136 S DOUGLAS	14	0	0	140	140
137 A ROYER	24	0	0	0	0
138 B DAVIES	15	0	0	0	0
139 D SCULLY	16	0	0	206	90
140 S WRIGHT	25	0	0	675	450
1. LOOSE HEAD PROP					
141 D HILTON	33	0	0	0	0
142 A SHARP	41	0	0	0	0
143 A WINDO	30	0	0	0	0
144 J LEONARD	36	0	0	0	0
145 G ROWNTREE	37	0	0	0	0
146 M HYNES	40	0	0	0	0
147 P WINSTANLEY	38	0	0	114	0
148 P SMITH	40	0	0	0	0
149 C HOLMES	37	0	0	0	0
150 P LANCASTER	44	0	0	0	0
151 G TREGILGAS	49	0	0	0	0
152 C BURNS	44	0	0	0	0
153 N DONOVAN	33	0	0	0	0
154 A STEWART	45	0	0	0	0
155 M LINNETT	30	0	0	150	0
156 M FRASER	35	0	0	0	0
157 M FREER	48	0	0	0	0
158 R ANDREWS	37	0	0	0	0
159 R SZABO	38	0	0	0	0
160 S PETERS	39	0	0	0	0
306 F WISEMAN	44	0	0	0	0
307 R FULLER	38	0	0	0	0
2. HOOKERS					
161 G DAWE	34	0	0	0	0
162 M REGAN	40	0	0	200	0
163 D KEARSEY	38	0	0	0	0
164 B MOORE	35	0	0	175	0
165 R COCKERILL	38	0	0	0	0
166 A CLARKE	40	0	0	0	0
167 T REDMOND	30	0	0	0	0
168 S DIAMOND	33	0	0	0	0
169 K DUNN	38	5	190	190	190
170 S MITCHELL	31	0	0	0	0
171 D ADDLETON	46	0	0	0	0
172 A MOFFAT	47	0	0	0	0
173 R KELLAM	30	0	0	0	0
174 L MAIR	42	0	0	0	0
175 G BALL	36	0	0	0	0
176 A HETHERINGTON	33	0	0	495	330
177 D WEST	39	0	0	420	280
178 G BOTTERMAN	41	0	0	205	205
179 T GARNETT	37	0	0	370	185
180 M HAYTON	46	0	0	0	0
308 M DIXON	35	0	0	0	0
3. TIGHT HEAD PROP					
181 V UBOGU	20	0	0	100	100
182 D HINKINS	41	0	0	0	0
183 A DEACON	32	0	0	0	0
184 A MULLINS	39	0	0	0	0
185 D GARFORTH	35	0	0	0	0
186 C ALLEN	40	0	0	0	0
187 J CUNDICK	44	0	0	0	0
188 A SMITH	40	0	0	0	0
189 I DUNSTAN	37	0	0	185	0
190 D RUSBY	46	0	0	0	0
191 R HARDWICK	39	0	0	0	0
192 S RIGBY	40	0	0	0	0
193 G HALPIN	36	0	0	180	0
194 P BURNELL	42	0	0	0	0
195 N WEBBER	45	0	0	0	0
196 P VANZANDVLIET	32	0	0	320	160
197 A JACKSON	36	0	0	0	0
198 S WILSON	38	0	0	190	190
199 S McMAIN	39	0	0	0	0
200 M BECKETT	36	0	0	0	0
4. LOCK RH					
201 N REDMAN	30	0	0	0	0
202 S SHAW	37	0	0	0	0
203 R WEST	41	0	0	0	0
204 A SNOW	30	0	0	0	0
205 M JOHNSON	33	0	0	330	0
206 N EDWARDS	36	0	0	0	0
207 C COOPER	37	0	0	0	0
208 D BALDWIN	31	5	155	310	155
209 R KINSEY	35	5	175	385	350
210 J DIXON	34	0	0	0	0
211 J HYDE	48	0	0	0	0
212 P O'NEIL	46	0	0	0	0
213 C HALL	42	0	0	0	0
214 A NISBET	45	0	0	210	210
215 G WATSON	36	0	0	0	0
216 J FOWLER	40	0	0	0	0
217 D HINDMARCH	46	0	0	0	0
218 M LANGLEY	43	0	0	215	215
219 S CROFT	40	0	0	0	0
220 P WHITE	48	0	0	240	0
5. LOCK LH					
221 A REED	38	0	0	0	0
222 A BLACKMORE	35	0	0	0	0
223 D SIMS	36	0	0	360	180
224 B DAVISON	40	0	0	0	0
225 M POOLE	34	0	0	0	0
226 M BAYFIELD	32	0	0	0	0
227 C CUSANI	40	0	0	0	0
228 R McCARTHY	39	0	0	0	0
229 N HADLEY	32	0	0	0	0
230 K WESTGARTH	48	0	0	0	0
309 J FOWLER	32	0	0	0	0
231 R MACKIE	37	0	0	320	320
232 J TAYLOR	36	0	0	0	0
233 A HIGGINS	36	0	0	180	0
234 R SCOTT	40	0	0	0	0
235 S LLOYD	35	0	0	0	0
236 G ARCHER	40	0	0	400	0
237 C GRAY	42	0	0	210	210
238 N BURROW	44	0	0	0	0
239 D FALKINGHAM	46	5	230	440	480
240 N ALLOTT	48	0	0	240	240
310 M BRIGHT	36	0	0	0	0
6. BLIND SIDE FLANKER					
241 S OJOMOH	21	0	0	0	0
242 I PATTEN	24	0	0	120	0
243 P GLANVILLE	27	0	0	0	0
244 T COKER	25	0	0	0	0
245 J WELLS	24	0	0	0	0
246 P WALTON	22	0	0	0	0
247 P MANLEY	29	0	0	0	0
248 M KENRICK	18	0	0	0	0
249 M GREENWOOD	27	5	135	405	270
250 D MITCHELL	33	0	0	165	165
251 L CROFTS	34	0	0	0	0
252 G RUSSELL	34	0	0	0	0
253 J SHARKEY	29	0	0	0	0
254 I MORRISON	32	0	0	160	0
255 R POLL	25	0	0	145	0
256 M CORRY	20	5	100	500	300
257 N BERRY	30	0	0	0	0
258 J GREEN	28	0	0	550	550
259 P STEWART	32	0	0	160	0
260 D BLYTH	24	0	0	0	0
311 P EROKS	24	0	0	120	120
312 D WRIGHT	25	0	0	0	0
7. OPEN SIDE FLANKER					
261 J HALL	23	0	0	290	0
262 D EVES	25	0	0	600	100
263 I SMITH	26	0	0	0	0
264 R JENKINS	27	0	0	0	0
265 N BACK	13	0	0	0	0
266 D MERLIN	29	0	0	0	0
267 S BERRY	26	0	0	0	0
268 N ASHURST	30	0	0	450	150
269 L DALLAGLIO	27	0	0	675	270
270 A BROWN	29	0	0	435	290
271 J HORROBIN	32	0	0	160	0
272 L ASHTON	33	0	0	330	165
273 P HEARY	29	0	0	145	145
274 I DIXON	30	0	0	0	0
275 M ORD	22	0	0	0	0
276 N FRANKLAND	26	0	0	0	0
277 G REES	33	0	0	0	0
278 R HILL	16	0	0	240	240
279 J GRIFFITHS	34	0	0	0	0
280 P BUCKTON	33	0	0	495	165
313 B ROBINSON	24	5	120	120	120
8. NO 8					
281 B CLARKE	14	0	0	70	0
282 C BARROW	21	0	0	0	0
283 M NICHOLLS	22	0	0	0	0
284 C SHEASBY	30	0	0	300	100
285 D RICHARDS	16	0	0	0	0
286 T RODGER	18	0	0	160	80
287 D CLEARY	15	0	0	0	0
288 C VYVYAN	22	0	0	440	0
289 D RYAN	19	0	0	95	0
290 M WATSON	20	0	0	300	0
291 K HICKEY	16	0	0	0	0
292 M GREATOREX	21	5	105	105	105
293 C BIRD	17	0	0	255	255
294 D LECKIE	22	0	0	0	0
295 W HART	23	0	0	0	0
296 R ARNOLD	18	0	0	270	180
297 M BRADLEY	16	0	0	80	0
298 A DIPROSE	19	0	0	380	190
299 M SOWERBY	27	0	0	0	0
300 S BEELEY	25	0	0	145	0
314 R WAINWRIGHT	14	0	0	0	0
315 S OWEN	21	0	0	210	210

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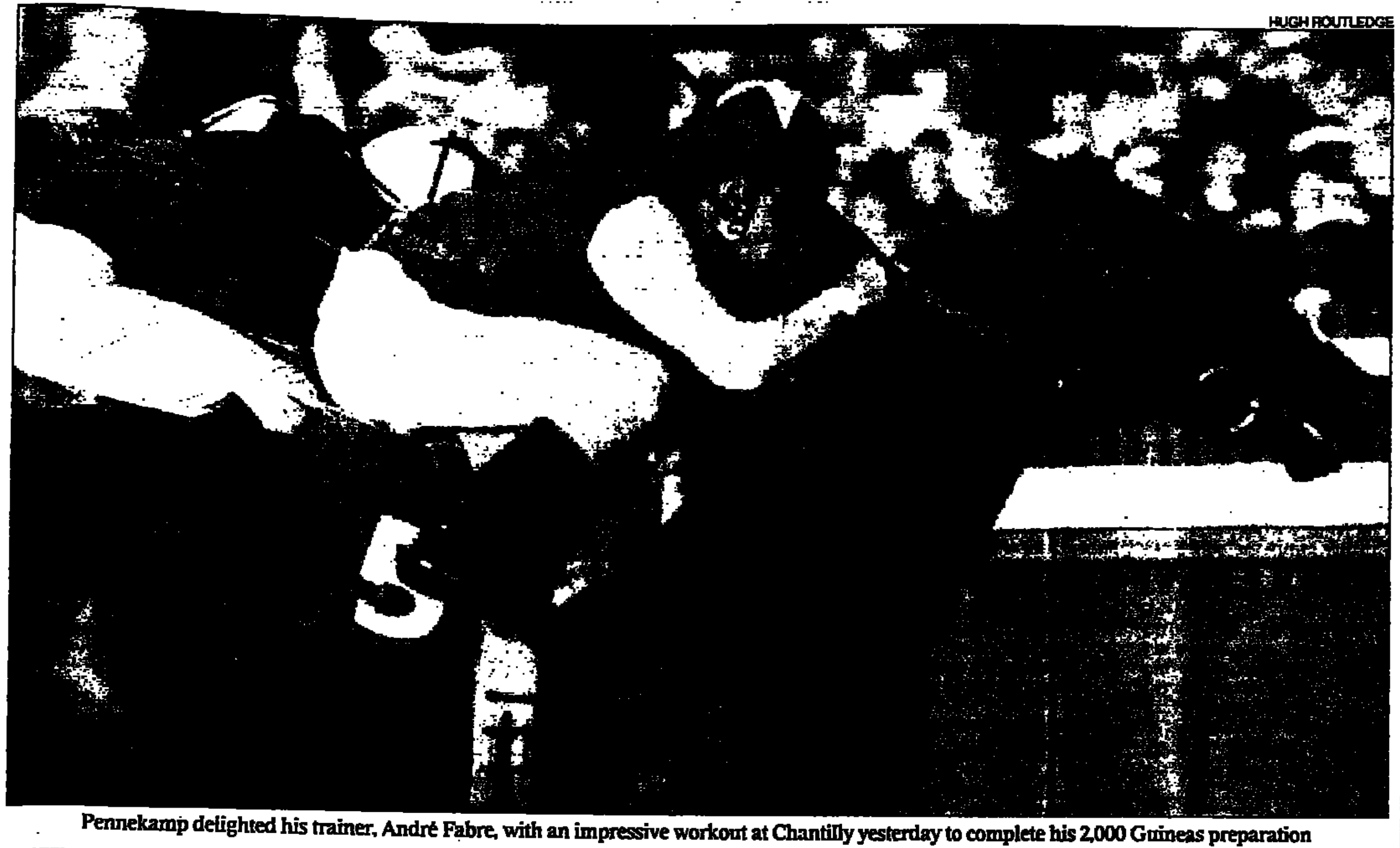

Pennekamp delighted his trainer, André Fabre, with an impressive workout at Chantilly yesterday to complete his 2,000 Guineas preparation

Pennekamp sparkles in gallop

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

THE adrenalin count, already at record levels, rose another notch yesterday when the three principal protagonists for the 2,000 Guineas came through their respective workouts to the obvious delight of their connections.

At Angmering Park, in west Sussex, Celtic Swing galloped a mile in the hands of his big-race jockey, Kevin Darley, while over at Chantilly, 30 miles north of Paris, Pennekamp and Diffident exuded health when they stretched out separately over 6½ furlongs on the trial grounds.

But first to Celtic Swing, who galloped seriously for the first time since winning at Newbury 11 days ago. Firm ground confined Celtic Swing to Lady Herries's artificial gallop, but Darley was more than satisfied with the outcome.

"We did a nice piece of work over a mile," the jockey said. "I was very happy with the horse, who is in great form. He has tightened up; he felt that little bit sharper and you could tell he had recently had a race." Darley said that Celtic Swing, a lazy worker at home, had derived tangible benefit from his defeat of Bahri.

However, the lack of rain is causing Darley some concern. The ground for the Saturday classic at Newmarket is riding good to firm. The racecourse executive is watering the course, but Darley said: "The going is a worry for us. I hope they put plenty of water on the track."

Meanwhile, Pennekamp was led by two inferior galloping companions for five furlongs until given his head. Without hesitation, the son of Bering, often noted for his lethargic homework, responded to draw right away at the close. Having kept Pennekamp up to his work in the last two weeks, André Fabre, who trains Sheikh Mohammed's colt, wanted him to conclude his homework on a high. Onlookers said that Fabre, a stoical character, was visibly lifted as Pennekamp completed the exercise.

Anthony Stroud, racing manager to Sheikh Mohammed, was similarly pleased with the morning's business. "We could see a lot more muscle tone about Pennekamp than there was before he last ran at Evry," he said. "To judge by the way he came away from his galloping companions; that race has done him good. It all revolves around how Pennekamp will cope with the Newmarket mile. He is bred to get a little further." Stroud was also taken with Diffident, whose inherent speed was on show as he completed a similar test to Pennekamp.

Ladbrokes reacted by cutting Pennekamp to 3-1 from a point longer, at the same time easing Diffident to 11-2 from 9-2. Both horses could hardly be in better shape, although Goldmark, Sheikh Mohammed's third classic aspirant, has not fully recovered from a leg injury and is out of the Poule d'Essai des Poulains on Sunday week.

Sheikh Mohammed, the inspiration behind Dubai-based Godolphin Racing, is almost certain to be represented in the French classic by Vettori, who arrived in Newmarket on Monday night. Vettori, Balanchine and Moonshell were among 23 horses installed at Moulton Paddocks, the new base for Godolphin's horses in this country. A further 20 horses from Dubai are due to join them later today.

Godolphin's representative in the 1,000 Guineas on Sunday, completed her fast work in Dubai and will be routinely exercised throughout the week.

ASCOT

THUNDERER
2.30 Cask
3.05 Transom
3.40 ERTLON (nap)
4.10 My Melody Parkes
4.40 Airport
5.15 Daytona Beach

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.15 DAYTONA BEACH.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Cask. 3.05 Poltarf. 3.40 CZARNA (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.30 INSULPAK CONDITIONS STAKES BBC2

(3-Y-O fillies: £8,191: 1m rnd) (10 runners)

101 (6) 311504- DOM ONE 214 (F) (B Hathaway) J Berry 9-1 J Carroll 95
102 (9) 13 CASK 18 (G) (Lord Hartington) J Gosden 8-13 L Dettori 97
103 (10) 61- CRYSTAL CAVERN 202 (G) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) R Charlton 8-13 K Darley 80
104 (2) 0140- OPERA LOVER 193 (D,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 8-13 W R Swinburn 95
105 (4) 31- PHANTOM GOLD 232 (D,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 8-13 J Weaver 87
106 (8) 21-5 SHEFOOG 18 (S) (Ahmed Al Shafar) R Armstrong 8-13 M J Kinane 89
107 (1) 41- STRUTTING 249 (G) (M Grant) R Hannon 8-13 Pat Eddery 89
108 (3) 23-2 A LA CARTE 27 (Mrs Patrick Darling-Susan Abbott Racing) J Dunlop 8-8 J Reid 92
109 (5) 2-0 MISS HAVERSHAM 14 (Trilby Racing) C Cyzer 8-8 Paul Eddery 94
110 (7) 2 TINASHAAN 14 (Mrs J McAllister) J Fanshawe 8-8 D Harrison [illegible]

BETTING: 3-1 Cask, 9-2 Opera Lover, 5-1 Dom One, Shefoog, 7-1 A La Carte, 8-1 Crystal Cavern, 10-1 Strutting, Phantom Gold, 12-1 others.

1994: ZAFAAF 8-13 W R Swinburn (5-4 fav) M Stoute 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOM ONE 3¼l 4th of 8 to Hiwaya in listed race at Newmarket (7f, good). CASK 1¾l 3rd of 13 to Subya in Listed race at Kempton (1m, good to firm) with SHEFOOG 4¼l 5th. Earlier beat A LA CARTE (5lb better off) neck in 12-runner maiden at Leicester (7f, good). CRYSTAL CAVERN beat Tranquility 1½l to 5-runner maiden at Redcar (7f, good). OPERA LOVER best effort last term 3¼l 4th of 11 to Mamlakah in group III Abu Dhabi May Hill Stakes at Doncaster (1m, good) with DOM ONE (2lb worse off) 11¾l 10th. PHANTOM GOLD beat Asterita 5l in 11-runner maiden at Sandown (1m, good to soft). STRUTTING beat Jumairah Sun 3l in 8-runner maiden at Goodwood (7f, good). TINASHAAN 1½l 2nd of 12 to Warning Shadows in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) with MISS HAVERSHAM 2¾l 8th.
Selection: OPERA LOVER

3.05 INSULPAK SAGARO STAKES BBC2

(Group III: £25,480: 2m 45yd) (9 runners)

201 (7) 03311-1 FURTHER FLIGHT 18 (D,F,G,S) (S Wingfield Digby) B Hills 9-9-1 M Hills 89
202 (4) 151260- ADMIRAL'S WELL 200 (CD,F,S) (A Spence) R Akehurst 5-8-12 T Quinn 80
203 (2) 11/5310- DOUBLE TRIGGER 143 (G,S) (R Huggins) M Johnston 4-8-12 J Weaver [illegible]
204 (3) 0/5523-0 NOT IN DOUBT 15 (B,F) (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 6-8-12 W Newnes 70
205 (5) 112/0 ESCARPMENT 11 (F,S) (Godolphin) P Chapple-Hyam 4-8-9 J Reid 92
206 (6) 12 OLD ROUVEL 18 (G) (Mrs R Cowell) D Murray Smith 4-8-9 K Darley 79
207 (1) 14013-3 POLTARF 9 (F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 4-8-9 M J Kinane 95
208 (9) 41101-3 SILENCE IN COURT 18 (D,F,G,S) (P Freeman) B McMahon 4-8-9 J Fortune 90
209 (8) 133210- TRANSOM 200 (CD,F) (S Cohn) G Harwood 4-8-9 Pat Eddery 85

BETTING: 7-2 Further Flight, 4-1 Double Trigger, 5-1 Poltarf, 6-1 Transom, 7-1 Old Rouvel, 8-1 Silence In Court, 10-1 Admiral's Well, Escarpment, 20-1 Not In Doubt.

1994: SAFETY IN NUMBERS 4-8-8 K Darley (7-2) Lady Herries 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

FURTHER FLIGHT completed hat-trick beat OLD ROUVEL (8lb worse off) a neck in 7-runner conditions race at Haydock (2m, good) with SILENCE IN COURT (2lb better off) a neck 3rd. ADMIRAL'S WELL best effort last term beat Head Turner 3l in 15-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm).
DOUBLE TRIGGER best effort last term 4¼l 3rd of 8 to Moonax in group I Teleconnection St Leger at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good). NOT IN DOUBT 20l 10th of 16 to Tudor Island in handicap at Newmarket (1m 6f, good to firm). ESCARPMENT 11l 9th of 10 to Strategic Choice in group II John Porter Stakes at Newbury (1m 4f, good). POLTARF 1½l 3rd of 8 to Khamaseen in conditions race at Nottingham (1m 6f, good). TRANSOM 3½l 8th of 32 to Captain's Guest in handicap at Newmarket (2m 2f, good to firm) with ADMIRAL'S WELL (7lb better off) 7½l 14th.
Selection: DOUBLE TRIGGER

3.40 INSULPAK VICTORIA CUP HANDICAP BBC2

(£19,700: 7f) (25 runners)

301 (25) 0250-45 HARD TO FIGURE 15 (D,F,G,S) (J Mursell) R Hodges 9-10-0 R Cochrane 96
302 (4) 40406-2 CLASSIC SKY 14 (D,F,G) (Saeed Suhail) B Hanbury 4-9-10 W Ryan 93
303 (7) 3/12-4 MASNAD 16 (F) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 4-9-10 W Carson 96
304 (22) 2012-00 REALITIES 14 (C,D,F,G) (R Tatano) G Harwood 5-9-9 M J Kinane 91
305 (10) 035112- KAYVEE 186 (C,D,F,G) (J Richmond-Watson) G Harwood 6-9-7 W R Swinburn 94
306 (5) 04132-3 BELFRY GREEN 14 (D,F,G) (J Kelsey-Fry) C Horgan 5-9-7 W Woods 93
307 (17) 10330-0 NEW CAPRICORN 14 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Green) M Jarvis 5-9-5 Pat Eddery 91
308 (6) 4425-00 INDIAN FLY 11 (D,G,S) (Mrs C Harrington) R Hannon 4-9-2 R Hughes 94
309 (11) 440100- NO EXTRAS 207 (F,G,S) (K Higson) G L Moore 5-8-2 B Rouse 85
310 (3) 0/4140-5 CZARNA 11 (D,S) (Ovidstown Investments Ltd) C Brittain 4-8-12 M Rimmer 97
311 (14) 0124-10 ROVING MINSTREL 11 (F,G,S) (Mrs J McMahon) B McMahon 4-8-11 K Darley 94
312 (24) 000060- SERIOUS 270 (G) (Mrs D Haynes) Lady Herries 5-8-11 T Ives 92
313 (12) 00164-0 NEITHER NOR 39 (D,F,G,S) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 6-8-9 G Carter 92
314 (1) 000200- LAW COMMISSION 264 (D,F) (R Tooth) D Elsworth 5-8-8 Paul Eddery 85
315 (9) 10043-0 CAMERON HIGHLAND 39 (G) (HRH Sultan Ahmad Shah) P Cole 4-8-6 T Quinn 92
316 (16) 11300-2 JAWAAL 11 (C,F) (T Fox) Lady Herries 5-8-6 J Reid 98
317 (2) 34230-0 TAWAFIJ 34 (D,F,S) (S Laidlaw) T Dyer 6-8-5 Stephen Davies 90
318 (8) 222301 ERTLON 9 (D,F,G) (C Brittain) C Brittain 5-8-5 (5ex) J Quinn [illegible]
319 (19) 3402-50 ROYAL HILL 11 (D,G) (G Moore) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-3 J Weaver 95
320 (13) 24-0042 ROSSINI BLUE 13 (G Mynon) A Bailey 4-7-12 F Norton 91
321 (15) 00552- TOP BANANA 249 (Exors of Mrs C Gross) H Candy 4-7-11 N Adams 85
322 (21) 04235-3 FIONN DE COOL 16 (R Kilby) R Akehurst 4-7-10 G Bardwell 97
323 (20) 358054 VELOCE 5 (D,F,G) (M Gonzalez) A Bailey 7-7-7 Martin Dwyer (7) 92
324 (23) 236211- JOLTO 180 (D,G,S) (Danebury Stables) K Cunningham-Brown 6-7-7 M Baird (5) 92
325 (18) 0360-00 BAYIN 7 (F,G,S) (T Barker) M Usher 6-7-7 R Street 93

Long handicap: Veloce 7-6, Jolto 7-4

BETTING: 7-1 Jawaal, 9-1 Fionn De Cool, 10-1 Ertlon, 12-1 Belfry Green, Czarna, 14-1 Classic Sky, Realities, New Capricorn, Indian Fly, Royal Hill, 16-1 Hard To Figure, Kayvee, Cameron Highland, 20-1 others.

1994: FACE NORTH 6-8-1 A Munro (14-1) R Akehurst 25 ran

FORM FOCUS

HARD TO FIGURE about 1l 4th of 11 to Montendre in listed race at Doncaster (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. CLASSIC SKY head 2nd of 21 to Sovereign George in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) with BELFRY GREEN head 3rd, NEW CAPRICORN (3lb better off) about 8¼l 13th and REALITIES (6lb better off) 5½l 17th. KAYVEE beat Repreheno 2l in 6-runner conditions race at Chepstow (1m, good) on penultimate start. ROVING MINSTREL beat Moving Arrow short-head in 23-runner handicap at Doncaster (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start, with ROYAL HILL (5lb better off) 2¾l 5th, INDIAN FLY (7lb better off) 4l 7th, CAMERON HIGHLAND (5lb better off) ½l 8th, NEITHER NOR (7lb better off) 14½l 22nd and REALITIES (9lb better off) 4l 23rd. JAWAAL 1½l 2nd of 20 to Star Manager in handicap at Newbury (1m, good) with CZARNA (1lb better off) about 9¼l 5th, ROYAL HILL (2lb better off) about 1l 9th, INDIAN FLY (4lb better off) 1½l 11th and ROVING MINSTREL (3lb better off) 4½l 14th. ERTLON beat Shepherd Market 7l in 11-runner handicap at Brighton (7f, good to firm).
Selection: CLASSIC SKY

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.10 GARTER CONDITIONS STAKES

(2-Y-O: £6,301: 5f) (7 runners)

401 (3) 61 AMARETTO BAY 18 (D,F) (The Harlequin Partnership) B Meehan 9-1 J Weaver 91
402 (5) 13 KUSTOM KIT 13 (D,F) (Charterhouse Holdings Plc) B McMahon 9-1 F Norton 92
403 (7) 1 WORLD PREMIER 41 (D,G) (Mrs C Brittain) C Brittain 9-1 M Rimmer 91
404 (4) 1 CABCHARGE STRIKER 34 (D,S) M Channon 8-11 R Hughes 98
405 (6) 1 GENERAL ROSE 27 (D,G) (D Gallop) R Hannon 8-11 R Perham 83
406 (1) 1 MY MELODY PARKES 16 (D,F) (J Heler) J Berry 8-10 J Carroll 97
407 (2) 21 UNCONDITIONAL LOVE 25 (D,F) (Mrs H Conroy) M Johnston 8-6 D Holland [illegible]

BETTING: 11-4 My Melody Parkes, 7-2 Cabcharge Striker, 4-1 World Premier, 9-2 Amaretto Bay, 5-1 Kustom Kit, 7-1 Unconditional Love, 8-1 General Rose.

1994: PRINCELY HUSH 9-1 M Hills (4-1) M Bell 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

AMARETTO BAY beat Johayro head in 20-runner maiden at Kempton (5f, good to firm). KUSTOM KIT beat Ortolan ½l in 13-runner auction maiden at Doncaster (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. WORLD PREMIER beat Johayro head in 12-runner conditions race at Doncaster (5f, good). CABCHARGE STRIKER beat Dankeston neck in 8-runner auction maiden at Leicester (5f, soft). GENERAL ROSE beat Anzees neck in 5-runner auction maiden at Brighton (5f 59yd, good). MY MELODY PARKES beat Top Cat 3½l in 7-runner maiden at Newcastle (5f, good to firm). UNCONDITIONAL LOVE beat Badger Bay 5l in 8-runner auction maiden at Beverley (5f, good to firm).
Selection: CABCHARGE STRIKER

4.40 CHOBHAM CONDITIONS STAKES

(£5,534: 1m rnd) (3 runners)

501 (2) 2532-13 AIRPORT 14 (D,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-5 L Dettori [illegible]
502 (3) 30200-0 RISK MASTER 41 (D,G) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 6-9-1 Paul Eddery 92
503 (1) 1000/P-0 CALLING COLLECT 14 (D,G,S) (Godolphin) L Cumani 6-8-12 Pat Eddery –

BETTING: 4-9 Airport, 7-2 Calling Collect, 4-1 Risk Master.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

AIRPORT head and 5l 3rd of 7 to Desert Shot in group III Earl Of Sefton Stakes at Newmarket (1m 1f, good to firm). Previously beat Fraam ¾l in 9-runner listed race at Doncaster (1m, good) with RISK MASTER (4lb better off) 4¼l 8th. CALLING COLLECT 9l 14th of 21 to Governor George in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm).
Selection: AIRPORT (nap)

5.15 WHITE ROSE HANDICAP

(£9,105: 1m rnd) (25 runners)

601 (20) 10/50-05 UNCLE OSWALD 16 (D,F) (Nimrod Company) R Hannon 4-10-0 Dane O'Neill (7) 91
602 (4) 000-544 KNOBBLEENEEZE 11 (V,D,F,G,S) (A Andrews) M Channon 5-9-13 P P Murphy (5) 91
603 (19) 4-11510- EDTESAAD 16 (D,G) (J Lovitt) S Williams 4-9-11 K Darley 85
604 (16) 300400- SET THE FASHION 186 (V,D,F,G,S) Lord Huntingdon 6-9-11 J Weaver 87
605 (7) 1006-00 KINGCHIP BOY 71 (V,D,F,G) (Four Jays Racing) M Ryan 6-9-11 A Clark 87
606 (5) 64-5 TREGARON 28 (D Hefin Jones) P Calver 4-9-9 M Birch 81
607 (15) 413410- ZAJKO 229 (D,F) (Sir Roger G Gibbs) Lady Herries 5-9-7 T Ives 85
608 (25) 6003- KHAYRAPOUR 359 (F) (Miss J Semple) B Meehan 5-9-7 Pat Eddery 80
609 (14) 122413 CONFRONTER 9 (D,B,S) (Hatfield Ltd) S Dow 6-9-6 R Hughes 87
610 (2) 0000-45 SOOTY TERN 7 (D,F,G,S) (J Bradley) J Bradley 8-9-3 S Drowne (5) 84
611 (12) 400054- DEEVEE 186 (D,F,G,S) (D Turner) C Benstead 6-9-3 P Robinson 87
612 (3) 00U00-0 SAIFAN 34 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs L Hawes) D Morris 6-9-2 C Hodgson (3) 86
613 (8) 601043 ROMAN REEL 23 (F,G) (K Higson) G L Moore 4-9-1 B Rouse 87
614 (21) 000322 SHEPHERD MARKET 9 (F) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 4-8-10 G Carter 97
615 (9) 026850- SIR NORMAN HOLT 137 (D,F,G) (J Joseph) R O'Sullivan 6-8-10 M Rimmer 80
616 (22) 60200- FAIRY KNIGHT 223 (P & S Lever Partners) R Hannon 3-8-9 J Reid 85
617 (1) 354-002 PISTOL 9 (G) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 5-8-8 Paul Eddery 93
618 (10) 10040- RUPIANA 179 (F) (Mrs M Keogh) J Arnold 3-8-9 D Harrison 89
619 (23) 01-4 KINGS ASSEMBLY 13 (S) (The Everhopefuls I) P Harris 3-8-6 R Cochrane 83
620 (8) 11-1240 BATTLESHIP BRUCE 13 (D,B,S) (T Foreman) N Callaghan 3-8-6 L Dettori 90
621 (11) 050/211 DAYTONA BEACH 7 (D,G) (Mrs J Radburn) P Burgoyne 5-8-7 T Quinn [illegible]
622 (17) 023600- COURT MINSTREL 224 (D,F) (G Knight) L Holt 6-8-7 A McGlone 83
623 (13) 50-6501 KARINSKA 11 (D,F,G) (G Whiting) M Chapman 5-8-5 C Munday (7) 86
624 (18) 251432 HAWWAM 16 (D,F,G,S) (North West Racing Owners Club) E Alston 9-8-4 K Fallon 89
625 (24) 20/1510 BROUGHTONS TURMOIL 33 (D) W Musson 6-8-3 P McCabe (5) 92

BETTING: 8-1 Knobbleeneeze, 10-1 Uncle Oswald, Zajko, 12-1 Set The Fashion, Shepherd Market, Deevee, 16-1 others.

1994: DAHYAH 4-8-12 W R Swinburn (5-1 fav) M Stoute 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

UNCLE OSWALD about 2l 5th of 22 to Special Dawn in handicap at Kempton (1m 2f, good to firm) with EDTESAAD (2lb better off) 5l 12th. KNOBBLEENEEZE about 2l 4th of 20 to Star Manager in handicap at Newbury (1m, good). EDTESAAD beat A Million Watts 5l in 8-runner handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 100yd) on penultimate start.
ZAJKO head 2nd of 16 to Silver Groom (later awarded the race) in handicap at York (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. CONFRONTER beat Just Harry ¾l in 15-runner handicap at Brighton (1m, good) on penultimate start, with PISTOL (9lb better off) 6¾l 7th. FAIRY KNIGHT best effort last term ¾l 2nd of 14 to Zingibar in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good to firm). BATTLESHIP BRUCE best recent effort short-head 2nd of 5 to No Pattern in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m). DAYTONA BEACH beat Monlone 6l in 20-runner apprentice jockeys' handicap at Kempton (1m 1f, good) with SOOTY TERN about 5l 5th.
Selection: KNOBBLEENEEZE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Lady Herries	4	13	30.8	J Weaver	7	34	20.6
H Cecil	15	79	19.0	W Ryan	4	23	17.4
Lord Huntingdon	13	70	18.6	M J Kinane	10	68	15.2
P Cole	16	87	18.4	Pat Eddery	29	197	14.7
R Charlton	7	42	16.7	W Carson	27	200	13.5
J Gosden	18	119	15.1	J Carroll	4	33	12.1

Endowment rewards Hern

ENDOWMENT provided Dick Hern with his first success of the season yesterday, making all to land the Blathwayt Maiden Stakes at Bath under Willie Carson. Hern's assistant, Marcus Tregonning, also gave Harayir, the stable's leading 1,000 Guineas hope, a glowing reference. "She is in good form and we are very pleased with her," he said. "She's done superbly well since her last run."

Transom suited by distance

ASCOT
BBC2

2.30: **Phantom Gold** must be followed after her easy Sandown victory in September. She bettered a promising Newbury debut when running away with her maiden on soft ground. Although this faster ground is a concern, she will relish the surface if taking after her sire, Machiavellian. Cask and A La Carte are closely matched while Shefoog, behind Cask at Kempton last month, should finish closer today. Opera Lover disappointed on her final outing but has claims on an earlier fourth in Pattern company.

3.05: Further Flight came out fighting for his seasonal debut at Haydock, mastering Old Rouvel and Silence In Court in a finish of necks. He should emerge best of the trio, although he will struggle to cope with **Transom**. Clearly superior to Silence In Court last summer, Transom improved again when stepped up to two miles. He rounded off his campaign in the Cesarewitch, when he failed to last home. This is his best trip. Double Trigger would play a part if unaffected by the coughing to beset his stable. Admiral's Well and Poltarf must improve.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

3.40: Kayvee is the ideal sort for these competitive handicaps but lacks a recent outing. Jawaal has obvious prospects after his bold run at Newbury but **Czarna**, less than a length behind, can turn the tables on a pound better terms and over this shorter trip. He should be straighter for his first run in ten months.

Czarna's trainer, Clive Brittain, also saddles Ertlon, who has conditions in his favour. However, he is penalised a hefty 6lb for his decisive Brighton victory. Classic Sky and Belfrey Green are inseparable on their Newmarket encounter but Fionn De Cool, a recent Irish import from last year's winning stable, shaped promisingly over a shorter trip last time.

JULIAN MUSCAT

HUNTINGDON

THUNDERER
5.45 Dalametre. 6.15 Synderborough Lad. 6.45 Double Collect. 7.15 Qannaas. 7.45 Arfey. 8.15 Macedonas.

Brian Beel: 5.45 Risky Dee. 6.15 Sans Heritage. 6.45 Merino Waltz. 7.15 Qannaas.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

5.45 PUDDLE JUMPER MAIDEN HUNTERS CHASE

(Amateurs: £1,540: 2m 4f 110yd) (11 runners)

1 PPPF ACERTAINMIT 26 (B,F,S) D Pritchard 11-12-0 D Pritchard (7)
2 3P51 BRUCE BUCKLEY 18P (F) Mrs T Hills 7-12-0 T Hills (7)
3 PPFP CHARLESTON LAD 16P Miss A Newton-Smith 10-12-0 P Bull (7)
4 232U DALAMETRE 14 (G,S) Miss J Pidgeon 8-12-0 J Smyth-Osbourne (7)
5 /P22 FIREHALMS 11P (F) A Pickering 8-12-0 A Pickering (7)
6 00P0 LORDY 11P (B,F) J Trice-Rolph 10-12-0 E Chamberlayne (7)
7 0FPP PAMELA'S LAD 11P (G,S) M Lloyd 9-12-0 G Hanmer (7)
8 1-12 RISKY DEE 9 (F,G) V Thompson 6-12-0 M Thompson (3)
9 R6-4P RYTON RUN 11P (G) Mrs S Opell 10-12-0 J Trice-Rolph (5)
10 /P23 SHELTER 11P Mrs R Wilson 8-12-0 N King (7)
11 2361 WISEBOW 18P (F,S) Mrs C Elliott 15-12-0 Mrs N Ledger (7)

7-4 Risky Dee, 3-1 Dalametre, 6-1 Pamela's Lad, 8-1 Firehalms, 10-1 Wisebow, 16-1 others.

6.15 ROBERT LENTON MEMORIAL HUNTERS CHASE

(Amateurs: £1,772: 3m) (7)

1 3111 FARINGO 16 (D,G) F Farrow 10-12-7 C Ward (7)
2 -142 KNOCKUMSHIN 12 (D,F,G,S) S Smith 12-12-7 T Byrne (5)
3 5411 SYNDERBOROUGH LAD 11 (D,F,G) S Pike 9-12-7 S Metcalfe (7)
4 P-P4 BLUE DANUBE 18P (F,S) S Allen 11-12-0 Andrew Martin (7)
5 5-P4 CARRICKMINES 72 (D,F,G,S) L Bowles 13-12-0 R Johnson (7)
6 135- SANS HERITAGE 334 (D,F,G,S) P Warner 11-12-0 M Jackson (7)
7 2304 SONOFAGIPSY 12 (F,G) J Dufosee 11-12-0 P Henley (7)

7-4 Synderborough Lad, 5-2 Sans Heritage, 6-1 Carrickmines, 7-1 Knockumshin, 10-1 Blue Danube, Faringo, Sonofagipsy.

6.45 GEOFFREY BEVAN MEMORIAL MAIDEN HUNTERS CHASE SKY

(Amateurs: £1,618: 3m) (9)

1 5625 ARCTICFLOW 11P (G) R Thomson 10-12-0 S Davis (7)
2 /F3U2 BEAR NECESSITIES 18P D Fletcher 10-12-0 C Ward Thomas (7)
3 1212 DOUBLE COLLECT 24P (G) Mrs M Rabon 9-12-0 N F Smith (7)
4 2UP3 MERINO WALTZ 4 (F) L Bowles 9-12-0 R Johnson (7)
5 001R ONEOFUS 11P (F) Mrs D Homewood 6-12-0 T Hills (7)
6 5404 PHILIPINTOWN LAD 14 Mrs S Thornton 12-12-0 R Thornton (7)
7 P22P SUPREME DEALER 11P (G) Mrs S Warr 10-12-0 A Warr (7)
8 -522 TYTHERINGTON 18P (F,G) M Hammond 11-12-0 M Hammond (7)
9 3P1U TENELLA'S LAST 32P (G) K Hollowell 7-11-9 K Hollowell (7)

6-4 Merino Waltz, 2-1 Double Collect, 6-1 Supreme Dealer, Tenella's Last, 14-1 Bear Necessities, Tytherington, 20-1 others.

7.15 CHRISTIES HUNTERS CHASE SKY

(Amateurs: £2,513: 2m 4f 110yd) (9)

1 -30B AMARI KING 11 (B,F,G,S) J Wall 11-12-7 C Ward Thomas (7)
2 5041 GUILDWAY 32P (V,CD,F,G) Mrs M Wiles 12-12-5 M Rimell (5)
3 2425 TRUST THE GYPSY 16 (F,G,S) J Dufosee 13-12-5 P Henley (7)
4 54UP WRECKLESS MAN 34 (B,F,G,S) V Dartnall 8-12-5 G Maundrell (7)
5 P2U4 ACRE HILL 18P (F,G) R Mackly 11-12-0 J Henderson (7)
6 3-3P CHERRY CHAP 16 (C,F,G) J Ibbott 10-12-0 Miss L Hollis (7)
7 2322 EMSEE-H 16 (CD,F,G,S) J Turner 10-12-0 Miss Z Turner (7)
8 31-1 QANNAAS 45P (B,C,D,F,G,S) W Smith 11-12-0 Miss P Jones (5)
9 -P03 WELSHMAN'S GULLY 28 (F,S) Mrs D Silk 11-12-0 P Bull (7)

100-30 Qannaas, 7-2 Welshman's Gully, 5-1 Amari King, 6-1 Trust The Gypsy, 7-1 Guildway, 8-1 Wreckless Man, Emsee-H, 10-1 Cherry Chap, 12-1 Acre Hill

7.45 SPS ADVERTISING AMATEUR RIDERS NOVICES HURDLE SKY

(£2,338: 2m 110yd) (12)

1 2511 MASTER BRACKEN 12 (D,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-13 M H Naughton (7)
2 P AMAAM AMAAM 14 W Musson 5-11-6 R Wakley (7)
3 3-32 ARFEY 12 T Thomson Jones 6-11-6 D Parker (3)
4 151F CZERMINO 223 (F,G) M Lloyd 12-11-6 Miss J Priest (7)
5 0030 DESERT CHALLENGER 11 J Jenkins 5-11-6 M Gingell (7)
6 0-00 NORMAN WARRIOR 11 (B) Miss E Heath 6-11-6 S Cowell (7)
7 5 RAGS ASSAYF 20 P Mitchell 5-11-6 R Teal (7)
8 5/0 SNAPPY'S BOY JOSH 16 D Thom 6-11-6 M Rimell (5)
9 D CHESTERTON SONG 6 (F) C Jackson 9-11-1 Miss S Jackson (7)
10 6-00 MASCALLS LADY 174 N Thomson 10-11-1 S Davis (7)
11 0 SPRINGFIELD MISS 54 C Pinney 5-11-1 Mrs F Needham (7)
12 SHAKE FIVE C Sporborg 4-11-0 J Smyth-Osbourne (7)

6-4 Master Bracken, 3-1 Arfey, 6-1 Desert Challenger, 8-1 Czermino, 10-1 Rags Assayf, 12-1 Norman Warrior, 20-1 others.

8.15 EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE SKY

(£2,215: 2m 5f 110yd) (8)

1 60UP NOTABLE EXCEPTION 7 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-12-0 Miss S Bainbridge (7)
2 F2-3 JOHNNY WILL 16 (G) Miss A Embiricos 10-11-10 T McCarthy (7)
3 5R13 STAR MARKET 16 (B,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-1 S Joynes (7)
4 4335 MACEDONAS 21 (F,G,S) G Thorner 7-11-1 M Rimell (5)
5 05F0 FAMOUS DANCER 33 (S) J Jenkins 7-10-2 R Johnson (7)
6 3-28 WILTOSKI 30 (B,F,G) R Ledger 7-10-0 Mrs N Ledger (7)
7 0403 POST CODE 5 C Jones 8-10-0 Miss A Dudley (7)
8 0601 BAYLORD PRINCE 6 (F,S) Miss J Ewer 7-10-0 Miss J Ewer (7)

6-4 Star Market, 7-2 Johnny Will, 9-2 Macedonas, 5-1 Notable Exception, 10-1 Famous Dancer, 14-1 Wiltoski, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 9 winners from 32 runners, 28.1%; T Thomson Jones, 3 from 21, 14.3%; N Twiston-Davies, 4 from 37, 10.8%.
JOCKEYS: No qualifiers.

AINTREE

THUNDERER
6.00 Unholy Alliance. 6.30 Winn's Pride. 7.00 Bottles. 7.30 The Changeling. 8.00 Time Won't Wait. 8.30 Colossus Of Roads.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

6.00 RED RUM 30TH BIRTHDAY HANDICAP CHASE

(£4,440: 3m 1f Mildmay course) (4 runners)

1 1221 UNHOLY ALLIANCE 5 (F,G,S) K Bailey 8-12-1 (5ex) N Williamson 96
2 215F GREENHILL RAFFLES 27 (F,G,S) P Hobbs 9-11-7 G McCourt 95
3 P041 ICARUS 16 (B,F,G) D Brown 9-10-4 L Wyer 88
4 P025 SARAVILLE 9 (F,G,S) F Jordan 8-10-4 J Lodder [illegible]

4-6 Unholy Alliance, 3-1 Greenhill Raffles, 5-1 Icarus, 7-1 Saraville.

6.30 HAPPY BIRTHDAY RUMMY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,247: 2m 4f) (7)

1 12U1 LIEN DE FAMILLE 14 (D,F,S) J Quinn 5-11-10 L Wyer 86
2 1460 WINN'S PRIDE 27 (S) R Hollinshead 4-11-8 S Wynne (3) 92
3 5501 SOUNDS FYNE 18 (D,F,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-5 M Dwyer 93
4 0434 DRUMMOND WARRIOR 14 T Thomson Jones 6-10-12 M A Fitzgerald 88
5 3100 DUGGAN 25 (S) P Evans 8-10-7 N Williamson 98
6 8322 CHARLAFRIVOLA 16 T Greathead 7-10-4 W Humphreys 96
7 FF25 CARLINGFORD LIGHTS 104 (BF) O O'Neill 7-10-0 V Slattery 97

5-2 Lien De Famille, 11-4 Winn's Pride, 7-2 Sounds Fyne, 6-1 Drummond Warrior, 7-1 Charlafrivola, 10-1 Duggan, 20-1 Carlingford Lights.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K Bailey, 6 winners from 21 runners, 28.6%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 5 from 23, 21.7%; G Richards, 6 from 43, 14.0%; N Twiston-Davies, 4 from 39, 10.3%.
JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 12 winners from 71 rides, 16.9%; N Williamson, 5 from 31, 16.1%; L Wyer, 4 from 29, 13.8%; G McCourt, 4 from 32, 12.5%.

EXETER

THUNDERER
2.15 Foodbroker Star. 2.50 Coxwell Quick Step. 3.20 Derrymoss. 3.50 Festival Dreams. 4.20 Sophism. 4.50 Herbert Buchanan.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.15 TORBAY AXMINSTER NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

(£2,299: 2m 1f 110yd) (9 runners)

1 10 FOODBROKER STAR 32 (S) J Gifford 5-11-7 P Hide
2 0- CARNIVAL KID 378 K Bishop 5-11-0 M Moran (7)
3 0 HO LEE MOSES 133 J White 6-11-0 D Bridgwater
4 055F ROYAL SEGOS 18 Mrs P Dutfield 8-11-0 A McCabe
5 234 STORM NORTH 16 Miss H Knight 5-11-0 J F Titley
6 4-06 TANGO'S DELIGHT 30 D Elsworth 7-11-0 P Holley
7 UP0 THE HOBORIAN 137 (G) J Young 8-11-0 W McFarland
8 UPTON GALE W Dennis 5-11-0 Mr J Culloty (7)
9 0-06 KIWI CRYSTAL 41 Mrs J Renfree-Barons 6-10-9 A Tory

4-6 Foodbroker Star, 4-1 Storm North, 7-1 Tango's Delight, 10-1 Royal Segos, Kiwi Crystal, 16-1 Upton Gale, The Hoborian, 20-1 others.

2.50 AXMINSTER WEAVERS NOVICES SELLING HURDLE

(£2,116: 2m 1f 110yd) (13)

1 04- CITY RHYTHM 96F J Bradley 5-11-0 R Farrant
2 0000 KISMET LEGACY 7 B Millman 7-11-0 D Salter (5)
3 0403 MR PLAYFULL 12 (B) R Frost 5-11-0 J Frost
4 2-00 NORMAN'S CONVINCED 35 M Pipe 5-11-0 R Dunwoody
5 6PP- PERSIAN BUD 21 J Bosley 7-11-0 M Bosley
6 0000 ROYAL COUP 42 T Forster 6-11-0 A P McCoy
7 4P50 SEBASTOPOL 16 (G) P Nicholls 8-11-0 C Maude
8 030- VITAL WONDER 355 J Price 7-11-0 D J Burchell
9 00- BECKY BOO 389 Mrs L Murphy 5-10-9 W Marston
10 4P2P COXWELL QUICK STEP 16 (B) Miss H Knight 6-10-9 J F Titley
11 5P66 SHALHOLME 128 T Price 5-10-9 DOUBTFUL
12 -050 TRUSTINO 9 C Nash 7-10-9 J R Kavanagh
13 0430 SPRINGTIME AFFAIR 18 J Mullins 4-10-3 L Harvey

3-1 Norman's Convinced, 9-2 Coxwell Quick Step, 7-1 Mr Playfull, Trustino, 8-1 Vital Wonder, 10-1 Kismet Legacy, Royal Coup, 14-1 others.

3.20 ROYAL DARTMOUTH AXMINSTER NOVICES CHASE

(£3,713: 2m 6f 110yd) (11)

1 F113 WISE APPROACH 12 (F,G) K Bailey 8-12-3 S McNeill
2 3023 FAIR BROTHER 11 (G,S) G Balding 9-11-10 A P McCoy
3 33U4 BANG ON TARGET 6 (B,S) John Bowen 7-11-3 T Jenks
4 P/P- DANCING PIMPERNEL 445P P Rackham 9-11-3 S Fox (5)
5 PP02 DERRYMOSS 21 (V,S) M Pipe 9-11-3 R Dunwoody
6 24P4 DEVIOSITY 16 (F,G) N Ayliffe 8-11-3 B Powell
7 PP FATHERS FOOTPRINTS 25 J Bradley 7-11-3 R Farrant
8 4440 LUCKNAM DREAMER 7 Mrs B Waring 7-11-3 E Byrne
9 3452 MANOR RHYME 11 J McConnochie 8-11-3 C Maude
10 P SCRATCH PLAYER 68 Mrs J Renfree-Barons 8-11-3 A Tory
11 5-00 MISHY'S STAR 7 (B) A Forte 13-10-12 I Lawrence

5-2 Derrymoss, 3-1 Fair Brother, 7-2 Wise Approach, 8-1 Bang On Target, 10-1 Deviosity, 12-1 Manor Rhyme, 14-1 Lucknam Dreamer, 25-1 others.

3.50 AXMINSTER FROM AXMINSTER HANDICAP CHASE

(£3,485: 2m 3f) (5)

1 1604 KINGS FOUNTAIN 11 (F,G,S) K Bailey 12-12-0 A Thornton
2 U652 FESTIVAL DREAMS 21 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs P Dutfield 10-11-3 P Holley
3 P613 CANOSCAN 11 (B,G,S) Lady Herries 10-10-13 E Murphy
4 34-5 MONTALINO 32 (F,G) R Rowe 12-10-3 Peter Hobbs
5 8135 MR ENTERTAINER 16 (F,G,S) N Gaselee 12-10-0 C Llewellyn

6-4 Canoscan, 9-4 Festival Dreams, 3-1 Kings Fountain, 8-1 Mr Entertainer, 16-1 Montalino.

4.20 ROYAL SEATON AXMINSTER HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,742: 2m 3f) (10)

1 5150 SOPHISM 187 (C,F,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-10 R Dunwoody
2 2183 WEE WINDY 16 (G,S) J Gifford 6-11-8 P Hide
3 R031 GREEN ISLAND 21 (CD,F,G,S) A Dunn 9-11-4 Peter Hobbs
4 16P1 EXCLUSIVE EDITION 21 (CD,F,G,S) Miss H Knight 5-11-3 J F Titley
5 65F0 HIDDEN OATS 34 (F,S) Miss C Johnsey 8-11-3 A P McCoy
6 0556 STATELY HOME 21 Mrs P Dutfield 4-10-4 P Holley
7 -500 MARIOLINO 86 (B,D,F,G,S) P Radford 8-10-0 Mr J Culloty (7)
8 5000 KALAKATE 22F J Bridger 10-10-0 D Morris
9 0006 FAR TOO LOUD 16 (F,G,S) R Baker 8-10-0 B Powell
10 1F00 BOXING MATCH 12 (F,G) J Bradley 8-10-0 R Farrant

9-4 Exclusive Edition, 11-4 Wee Windy, 3-1 Green Island, 6-1 Sophism, 12-1 Stately Home, 14-1 Hidden Oats, 20-1 Mariolino, 25-1 others.

4.50 MOORLAND AXMINSTER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,098: 2m 1f 110yd) (8)

1 0408 SLEEPTITE 20F W G M Turner 5-11-10 M Griffiths (3)
2 2112 STAPLEFORD LADY 16 (C,F) J Moore 7-11-5 S Fox
3 0204 INDIAN TEMPLE 16 M Saunders 4-11-3 A Procter
4 00F2 HERBERT BUCHANAN 16 P Nicholls 5-10-12 Guy Lewis
5 3002 JASON'S BOY 12 (V,D,S) J Bradley 5-10-12 A P McCoy
6 /P-P OPEN SESAME 39P M Bradstock 9-10-9 Katharine Hambidge (5)
7 0P04 LYPHARD'S FABLE 11 T George 4-10-8 D Leahy
8 P00P BOLT OF GOLD 16 L Waring 7-10-0 Sophie Mitchell

7-4 Stapleford Lady, 3-1 Herbert Buchanan, 7-2 Jason's Boy, 5-1 Sleeptite, 7-1 Indian Temple, 8-1 Lyphard's Fable, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Miss H Knight, 17 winners from 40 runners, 42.5%; M Pipe, 83 from 275, 30.2%; R Rowe, 3 from 10, 30.0%; K Bailey, 6 from 23, 26.1%; D Elsworth, 4 from 16, 25.0%; A Dunn, 6 from 26, 23.1%.
JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 30 winners from 131 rides, 22.9%; Peter Hobbs, 17 from 87, 19.5%; P Holley, 9 from 54, 16.7%; L Harvey, 10 from 65, 15.4%; A P McCoy, 3 from 20, 15.0%; G Upton, 7 from 56, 12.5%.

Blinkered first time

EXETER: 2.50 Coxwell Quick Step, Mr Playfull. HUNTINGDON: 5.45 Lordy, 7.15 Guildway.

7.00 GINGER McCAIN NOVICES CHASE SKY

(£2,965: 2m 4f Mildmay course) (4)

1 1230 BOTTLES 26 (F,G,S) J Banks 8-11-11 S Keightley [illegible]
2 P423 BLAZE OF MAJESTY 11 T Caldwell 7-11-1 Pat Caldwell 60
3 F044 BUTLER JOHN 11 (G) J Edwards 6-11-1 N Williamson 74
4 -3PP CHALIE RICHARDS 11 D McCain 8-11-1 D McCain –

1-2 Bottles, 5-2 Butler John, 6-1 Blaze Of Majesty, 10-1 Chalie Richards.

7.30 TRIPLE WINNER HANDICAP HURDLE SKY

(£4,743: 2m 4f) (4)

1 1201 ARABIAN BOLD 32 (F,G,S) N Henderson 7-11-11 M A Fitzgerald 94
2 4PP6 ZAMIRAH 27 (F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-11 C Llewellyn 98
3 30P6 JEASSU 21 (D,F,G,S) A J Wilson 12-10-9 T Jenks [illegible]
4 3011 THE CHANGELING 15 (D,G,S) G Bravery 6-10-0 N Williamson 92

4-7 Arabian Bold, 7-2 The Changeling, 4-1 Zamirah, 7-1 Jeassu.

8.00 DEAD HEAT AT AINTREE HANDICAP CHASE SKY

(£4,486: 2m Mildmay course) (6)

1 21F2 DRUMSTICK 6 (D,F,G,S) K Bailey 9-11-10 N Williamson 93
2 4-33 STRONG VIEWS 173 (F,G,S) J White 8-10-9 M A Fitzgerald 92
3 -6P1 FULL O'PRAISE 15 (D,F,G) P Calver 8-10-6 L Wyer 96
4 1112 TIME WON'T WAIT 155 (D,BF,F,G) R Phillips 6-10-5 J Railton 94
5 4632 DR ROCKET 15 (D,F,G,S) R Dickin 10-10-0 D Meredith (3) [illegible]
6 2P52 MENAGHI 14 (D,G) J Mackie 8-10-0 D Webb (7) 80

5-4 Drumstick, 4-1 Time Won't Wait, 9-2 Full O'Praise, 5-1 Dr Rocket, 8-1 Strong Views, 14-1 Menaghi.

8.30 LOCAL HERO NOVICES HURDLE

(£2,710: 2m 110yd) (5)

1 1602 COLOSSUS OF ROADS 11 (D,G) T Thomson Jones 6-11-5 D Gallagher 95
2 6032 FOX SPARROW 11F (D,S) N Tinkler 5-11-5 G McCourt [illegible]
3 -051 SPANISH LIGHT 22 (F) G Richards 6-11-5 R Dunwoody 98
4 0 MY BEST VALENTINE 14F J White 5-11-0 N Williamson –
5 SMART TEACHER 48F K Burke 6-11-0 M A Fitzgerald –

6-4 Fox Sparrow, 7-4 Colossus Of Roads, 5-2 Spanish Light, 10-1 Smart Teacher, 20-1 My Best Valentine.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Bath

Going: good, good to firm in places

2.00 (1m 2f 46yd) 1, Endowment (W Carson, 6-1); 2, United Front (12-1); 3, Top Lady (8-1). Royal College 3-1 fav. 14 ran. NR: Bold Sally, Cafe Glace. 2½l, ¾l. W Hern. Tote: £5.30; £1.90, £4.00, £2.30. DF: £35.50. Trio: £128.80. CSF: £67.79

2.30 (5f 11yd) 1, Southern Dominion (T Sprake, 14-1); 2, Nomadic Dancer (20-1); 3, Deardaw (33-1). Mister Raider 2-1 fav. 17 ran. 4l, sh hd. W G M Turner. Tote: £19.70; £5.00, £3.60, £7.30. DF: £261.40. Trio: not won. CSF: £253.14.

3.00 (5f 11yd) 1, Jucea (Pat Eddery, 5-1 fav); 2, Canovas Heart (6-1); 3, Winsome Wooster (7-1); 4, Raisa Point (16-1). 17 ran. 1¼l, nk. J Spearing. Tote: £5.90; £2.00, £1.50, £1.80, £4.30. DF: £16.90. Trio: £33.30. CSF: £33.07. Tricast: £195.09

3.30 (1m 2f 46yd) 1, Kimbridge Knight (Pat Eddery, 5-1); 2, Bob's Ploy (7-2); 3, Lucky Coin (14-1). Paradise Waters 3-1 fav. 11 ran. ¾l, 6l. P Walwyn. Tote: £5.50; £2.00, £2.30, £2.30. DF: £14.70. Trio: £135.20. CSF: £23.81. Tricast: £222.46.

4.00 (5f 11yd) 1, Lucky Parkes (J Carroll, 2-1 fav); 2, Crystal Magic (5-2); 3, Jayannpee (11-2). 5 ran. 1¼l, sh hd. J Berry. Tote: £2.60; £1.50, £1.70. DF: £3.40. CSF: £6.95.

4.30 (5f 11yd) 1, Polly Golightly (S Sanders, 33-1); 2, Eighty High (8-1); 3, Lucky Revenge (33-1). Kossolian 11-8 fav. 7 ran. NR: Midnight Cookie. Hd, 5l. B Smart. Tote: £17.40; £3.20, £2.50. DF: £100.60. CSF: £220.42.

5.00 (1m 3f 144yd) 1, Hill Farm Dancer (A Garth, 9-2); 2, Seren Quest (5-2 fav); 3, Uncharted Waters (9-1). 11 ran. ¾l, 1¾l. W Brisbourne. Tote: £4.70; £1.50, £1.40, £3.70. DF: £10.90. Trio: £47.60. CSF: £15.93. Tricast: £91.28.

Placepot: £7,151.80. Quadpot: £85.70.

Nottingham

Going: good to firm

2.15 (5f 15yd) 1, Hi Rock (L Charnock, 9-1); 2, Lady Davenport (14-1); 3, Noosa (9-4 jt-fav). Six For Luck 9-4 jt-fav. 10 ran. Sh hd, 1¾l. M Camacho. Tote: £8.90; £1.80, £5.80, £1.10. DF: £71.00. Trio: £35.60. CSF: £109.49

2.45 (6f 15yd) 1, Christian Flight (M Fenton, 20-1); 2, Le Bal (20-1); 3, Twice In Bundoran (14-1). Secret Miss 7-2 fav. 15 ran. Nk, 1¼l. S Gollings. Tote: £80.10; £14.70, £19.20, £4.30. DF: £124.90. Trio: £225.90. CSF: £358.03. Tricast: £5,173.21.

3.15 (5f 13yd) 1, Dankeston (M Fenton, 4-11 fav); 2, Missile Toe (16-1); 3, Silverdale Knight (20-1). 7 ran. 1¾l, 1¾l. M Bell. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £5.50. DF: £5.60. CSF: £7.12.

3.45 (1m 1f 213yd) 1, Clouded Elegance (K Darley, 8-1); 2, Montone (15-2); 3, Rasayel (33-1). Sadler's Walk 6-4 fav. 12 ran. 1l, hd. Lady Herries. Tote: £9.50; £3.30, £2.00, £8.10. DF: £26.90. Trio: £329.80. CSF: £61.47. Tricast: £1,699.77.

4.15 (1m 54yd) 1, White Palace (D Harrison, 25-1); 2, Celtic Fringe (1-2 fav); 3, Courageous Dancer (7-1). 8 ran. 1l, 3½l. J Fanshawe. Tote: £40.20; £6.20, £1.10, £1.30. DF: £23.00. CSF: £40.85.

4.45 (1m 6f 15yd) 1, Mizyan (L Dettori, 4-1 fav); 2, Environmentalist (6-1); 3, Requested (33-1); 4, New Inn (8-1). 19 ran. NR: Cavina. ¾l, nk. J Banks. Tote: £4.60; £1.90, £2.40, £2.60, £2.60. DF: £15.80. Trio: £384.50. CSF: £28.95. Tricast: £667.51.

5.15 (1m 54yd) 1, Don't Forget Ruby (N Varley, 12-1); 2, Mac's Taxi (5-2 fav); 3, Nunnery Grove (20-1); 4, Leading Spirit (8-1). 17 ran. NR: Bakers Daughter. 3l, 2½l. D Arbuthnot. Tote: £23.40; £3.60, £1.10, £21.30, £1.30. DF: £24.20. Trio: £180.90. CSF: £45.89. Tricast: £604.12.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £25,341.71 carried forward to Ascot today). Placepot: £2,107.00. Quadpot: £121.30.

RICHARD EVANS

NAP: JAWAAL
(3.40 Ascot)
Next best: Double Trigger
(3.05 Ascot)

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Murdoch bid raises Olympic stakes

David Miller, in Atlanta, examines the implications of Fox Televison's interest in the Millennium Games

The intention of Fox Television, America's fourth terrestrial network, to bid for the United States network rights for the Olympic Games of 2000 in Sydney, seems sure to help push the fee beyond $500 million (about £310 million) for the first time. The United States rights fee for the centenary Games here next year is $456 million.

Rupert Murdoch, who controls Fox Television and is chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*, visited the International Olympic Committee (IOC) headquarters in Lausanne last week to discuss the possibilities with Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the IOC.

Murdoch's interest in becoming a leading financial Olympic player comes at a time when Samaranch is controversially considering a move to extend his presidency for a further four years, until 2001. Ultimately, Fox may bid for world-wide rights.

The key to Fox's chances for 2000, in competition with the three other American networks bidders — NBC, ABC and CBS — will lie in the expanded cable television element of pay-per-view.

The IOC remains adamant that the main signal transmission on all continents must be by a free terrestrial network, so as to reach the maximum potential audience. Cable, however, offers the scope for expanded detail coverage of specific sports with high interest or the exposure of less popular events (field hockey, equestrianism and water polo, for example) to specialist audiences that are willing to pay.

Speaking from his New York office, Murdoch said: "We will be one of four bidders and there is sure to be a second feed on cable. It would be possible to have six or even ten channels, with baseball, basketball and others, where you could see the whole lot [of one sport], all of them very specialised channels from which you pick the one you want for £6, say, or the lot for £10. The talks we have had so far in Lausanne were very general, on broadening the appeal of athletics, and so on. The free network coverage has to be maintained in the interests of the Olympic Games."

Cable coverage was part of NBC's $401 million fee for the Games in Barcelona in 1992, but the organisation is estimated to have lost some $100 million. "They were ten years ahead of their time, but lacked the hardware," Murdoch said.

The bidding for Sydney, which is expected to take place this July or August, is done with sealed bids in a form of auction, with the networks gambling on the prospective advertising value of the Olympics way in advance of the event. The IOC shrewdly sold Calgary's rights for the Winter Games of 1988 before the Sarajevo Games had been staged four years earlier. ABC overbid for Calgary ($300 million), became nervous for Albertville, in 1992, and CBS won the rights for only $243 million.

"It's a very close call on what they're worth," Murdoch said. "You're talking about two weeks in four years. You don't make money and it's a big risk. You create a great event around your station, but it's all quickly over, not the same as buying [American] football, which returns every week."

The long-term benefit for United States Olympic rights-holders is that minor, affiliated stations and channels switch to the glamorous networks. The Games in Sydney, where the time zone is favourable to viewers in the United States, would bring Fox considerable prestige.

Conditions at present favour the IOC. The advertising market in the United States is strong and NBC is believed already to have taken more than $500 million in advance for the Games in Atlanta next year, and to be considering increasing the rates for any subsequent slots.

There has been speculation that Murdoch, with interests in Australia, Asia and Europe, might wish to become the global holder of all network rights, but he is cautious on this issue. "The political reality is a few Games away yet," he said. "To control every arena is not practical, and the IOC has different associations in each [continent]. It would be a great position to be in."

Dick Pound, a Canadian IOC member and the head of negotiations on television, believes that a global rights-owner could present problems. "It would be convenient to have an all-in-one premium," he said, "but the possibility of going in the wrong direction is increased. We would be dealing with a broker who resold the rights and would have less control over broadcast quality."

Samaranch is known to be strongly in favour of the European Broadcasting Union, primarily because of the excellence of BBC technology and production.

The IOC dissuaded Fox from bidding for the 1998 Winter Games in Nagano, Japan, because the network lacked sports experience, but subsequently Fox has bought American football and the Pan American Games of 1999, in Winnipeg.

Northgate win through at the second attempt

Northgate High School . 2
Swindon College 1
(aet; 1-1 at 90min)

By John Goodbody

AFTER another taut and endlessly combative game, Northgate eventually triumphed in the semi-final of the Snickers under-19 football trophy yesterday.

Just like the original tie last week, which ended 3-3, the replay went into extra time and, on this occasion, Northgate forced their way through to the final. The Suffolk school now meets Preston College at Portman Road, Ipswich.

Unlike the first game, which was often frenzied in tempo, both teams were wary of each other. Northgate kept a particular watch on Justin Miller, the scorer of two goals last week, but he still contrived to conjure some scoring chances out of nothing.

Until the last 20 minutes, there had been remarkably little between the sides. Mark Horn, for Northgate, and Gary Horgate, for Swindon, had hit the bar, but the defences were usually too well marshalled to allow many clear-cut scoring chances.

However, the match came alive after 90 minutes. In the first part of extra time, Miller beat three players to the byline but the final pass went astray. Then, a long, aerial pass from Keiron Cobb caught out the Swindon defence.

Kevin Riley made a run and opened up a gap in the centre of the opposition rearguard and Duncan Laud beat Matthew Jones in the Swindon goal.

Three minutes later, James Hewitt, Swindon's England Schools trialist, headed an equaliser, but, as in previous rounds, Northgate seemed to be at their most positive when they were under pressure.

In the fifteenth minute of extra time, a high ball from Chris Finch deceived Jones and the ball was bundled over the line by Mark Gillespie. Three minutes from the end, Northgate had another break on the right, but Martin Fairchild pulled down Chris Finch and was sent off for the offence.

At the end, the difference between the teams lay in the relative experience of the goalkeepers. Joe Lander was usually solid and sometimes inspired for Northgate, whereas Jones, only 16 years and the third choice goalkeeper for Swindon, has yet to acquire the presence and confident handling that may come when he gets older.

JULIAN HERBERT

Alexander, left, of Northgate, beats off the challenge of Precott, of Swindon during their semi-final win yesterday

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco 7 Los Angeles 0, St Louis 4 Pittsburgh 0; Colorado 8 San Diego 3.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: California 2 Toronto 0; Milwaukee 7 Baltimore 0; New York 5 Boston 3; Seattle 4 Texas 1

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: First round: Eastern Conference: New York 83 Cleveland 81 (New York lead best-of-five series 2-1) Western Conference: LA Lakers 105 Seattle 101 (Los Angeles lead best-of-five series 2-1).

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Chester-le-Street: Durham 395-6 dec (J A Daley 173, D G C Ligertwood 74 not out, S D Birbeck 73). Glamorgan 43-4. Hove: Sussex 385-7 (D Law 229 not out, M Newell 71; P Sleep 4-26) v Lancashire. Knowle and Dorridge: Northamptonshire 350 (J N Snape 58, A R Roberts 91, R P Davis 4-69); Warwickshire 79-0. Chelmsford: Essex 220 (F A Griffith 5-24); Derbyshire 98-0. Cheam: Middlesex 332 (J C Harrison 105). Surrey 14-2. Oakham: Yorkshire 356-9 dec (Schofield 140, McGrath 63): Leicestershire 18-0. North Perrott: Somerset 357-5 dec (K A Parsons 134, S C Ecclestone 95): Gloucester 22-2

CYCLING

GRAND PRIX OF FRANKFURT (252km). 1, F Frattini (It, Gewiss-Ballan) 6hr 25min 05sec; 2, J Heppner (Ger, Telekom) same time; 3, M Podenzana (It, Brescialat) at 3sec; 4, A Tafi (It, Mapei-GB) at 31; 5, E Zaina (It, Carrera), 6, B Cenghialta (It, Gewiss-Ballan) same time. World Cup positions: 1, J Museeuw (Bel, Mapei-GB) 106pts; 2, M Gianetti (Switz, Polti) 100; 3, L Jalabert (Fr, ONCE) 70; 4 equal, A Tchmil (Mol, Lotto) and M Bartoli (It, Saeco-Mercatone-Uno) 65, 6, M Fondriest (It, Lampre) 60.

FOOTBALL

Late results from Monday

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Coventry City 2 Manchester United 3
VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bath 2, Woking 0, Stafford 2 Merthyr 1
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Worcester 3 Corby 0 Southern division: Salisbury 1 Havant 0; Wealdstone 1 Bury Town 2.
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City 2 Arsenal 1, Bristol Rovers 1 Ipswich 1; Portsmouth 1 Oxford Utd 0, Wimbledon 1 Watford 1. Second division: Bath 3 Cheltenham 0; Plymouth 3 Bournemouth 1; Torquay 0 Cardiff 2
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 1 West Bromwich 2, Liverpool 1 Wolverhampton 2; Stoke 0 Leeds 1 Second division: Mansfield 0 Burnley 4, Middlesbrough 8 Hull 0; Preston 2 York 1.
HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Almondsbury 2 Kintbury 3; Pegasus Juniors 2 Tuffley 2. First division: Easington Sports 2 Milton 1; Kidlington 5 Headington Amateurs 1; Wootton Bassett 1 Purton 1
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashfield 1 Belper Town 1.
UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Langney Sports 2 East Grinstead 1; Peacehaven/Telscombe 4 Ringmer 0; Wick 1 Pagham 0.

GOLF

LOCH LOMOND: Men's international: Scotland v Sweden: Singles: Scotland 3 Sweden 3 (Scotland names first: H McKibbin bt M Eliasson 5 and 4; S Gallacher lost to J Selberg one hole; G Sherry bt M Erlandsson one hole; D Downie lost to D Olsson one hole; B Howard bt F Henge 5 and 3; G Rankin lost to V Gustavsson 3 and 2. Foursomes: Scotland 0 Sweden 3 (McKibbin and Downie lost to Gustavsson and Eliasson 7 and 6; G Sherry and S Gallacher lost to Henge and Olsson 1 hole; Rankin and Howard lost to Erlandsson and Selberg 2 and 1) Match score: Scotland 4 Sweden 8.

HOCKEY

GENOA: Junior European Nations Cup qualifying tournament: Switzerland 1 Portugal 3; Italy 4 Gibraltar 1; England 5 Scotland 1 Positions: 1, England 6pts; 2, Italy 6; 3, Scotland 4; 4, Portugal 2; 5, Switzerland 0; 6, Gibraltar 0
PRAGUE: European junior championship qualifying tournament: Group A: Ireland 0 Germany 0; Lithuania 4 Romania 1 Group B: Czech Republic 7 Finland 0. Russia 2 Austria 4.
EUROPEAN WOMEN'S JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying tournaments: Bratislava: England 12 Sweden 0. Poznan: Group B: Scotland 0 Ukraine 11.

ICE HOCKEY

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: In Gavle: Group A: Italy 5 France 2. In Stockholm: Group B: Norway 5 Austria 3.
NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Boston 5 Ottawa 4; Buffalo 2 Montreal 0; Chicago 3 Winnipeg 2; Toronto 6 Edmonton 5, St Louis 5 Anaheim 3; San Jose 3 Dallas 1.

MOTOR RALLYING

LONDON TO MEXICO RALLY: Leading positions (after tenth day): 1, H Mikkola (Fin) and G Palm (Swe) (Ford Escort) 3hr 21min 18sec; 2, R Dunkerton and H Mansson (Aus) (Datsun 240Z) 3:27:48; 3, R Martin-Hurst (GB) and W Koningsveld (Holl) (Ford) Escort) 3 33:18; 4, J Balazs and A Jojart (Hun) (Porsche 911) 3:39 41; 5, D Rainsford and B Rainsford (Aus) (Ford Mustang) 3:43:27

TABLE TENNIS

TIANJIN, China: World championships: Men: First round: Group A: Sweden 3 Romania 1, South Korea 3 Italy 2; France 3 Russia 1; Japan 3 Czechoslovakia 1. Group B: China 3 Holland 0. Germany 3 Hong Kong 0; Belgium 3 England 0 (Belgium names first. A Podpinka bt Chen Xinhua 13-21, 21-18, 21-13; J-M Saive bt A Cooke 21-18, 21-11, P Saive bt D Douglas 21-17, 20-22, 21-19); Austria 3 Poland 1 Group C: Brazil 3 Laos 0; India 3 Guatemala 0, Mexico 3 Malta 3; Kazakhstan 3 Latvia 0; Brazil 3 Malta 0; Yugoslavia 3 Laos 0; India 3 Latvia 0; Kazakhstan 3 Mexico 0. Group D: Estonia 3 Zaire 0; Nigeria 3 Kuwait 0; Malaysia 3 Seychelles 0; Saudi Arabia 3 Ecuador 0; Denmark 3 Zaire 0, Estonia 3 Seychelles 0; Nigeria 3 Ecuador 0. Malaysia 3 Saudi Arabia 2. Group E: Turkey 3 Qatar 0; Slovakia 3 Cyprus 0; Iran 3 Kenya 0; Lithuania 3 Mongolia 0. Turkey 3 Kenya 0; Canada 3 Qatar 0, Slovakia 3 Mongolia 0; Lithuania 3 Iran 2. Group F: Spain 3 Panama 0; Croatia 3 Ghana 0; Switzerland 3 Columbia 0; Portugal 3 United Arab Emirates 0; United States 3 Panama 0, Spain 3 Colombia 0; Croatia 3 United Arab Emirates 0; Switzerland 3 Portugal 1 Group G: Slovenia 3 Guam 0; Bulgaria 3 Yemen 0. New Zealand 3 Uzbekistan 0; Sri Lanka 3 Chile 0; New Zealand 3 Chile 0; Indonesia 3 Guam 0; Slovenia 3 Uzbekistan 0; Bulgaria 3 Sri Lanka 0 Group H: Bosnia-Herzegovina 3 Armenia 0; Norway 3 Macau 0; Belorussia 3 Singapore 0; Pakistan 3 Turkmenistan 0; Norway 3 Pakistan 1; Finland 3 Singapore 0; Belorussia 3 Bosnia-Herzegovina 0; Macau 3 Armenia 0 Group J: Wales 3 Philippines 2; Jamaica 3 Nepal 0; Greece 3 Burma 0; Australia 3 Argentina 0; Hungary 3 Burma 0; Greece 3 Philippines 0; Australia 3 Nepal 0; Jamaica 3 Wales 2. Group K: Taiwan 3 Costa Rica 0. Ukraine 3 Tahiti 0; Ireland 3 Jordan 1: Egypt 3 Scotland 1; Luxembourg 3 Costa Rica 0; Taiwan 3 Jordan 0; Ukraine 3 Scotland 0; Egypt 3 Ireland 2. Women: First round: Group A: China 3 France 0; Russia 3 Slovakia 0; China 3 Slovakia 0; Russia 3 Holland 0. Group B: Germany 3 England 0 (Germany names first: N Struse bt L Lomas 14-21, 21-10, 21-15; J Schopp bt A Holt 21-18, 21-15; Struse and E Schall bt Lomas and Holt 21-9, 21-14); Hungary 3 Taiwan 1: South Korea 3 Lithuania 0; Hong Kong 3 United States 0, Hong Kong 3 Hungary 0; South Korea 3 Unised States 0; England 3 Lithuania 0 (England names first: A Holt bt J Prusiene 21-7, 21-19; L Lomas bt R Garkauskaite 21-11, 16-21, 21-12; Holt and Lomas bt Prusiene and Garkauskaite 21-17, 21-16 Group C: Yugoslavia 3 Mauritius 0. Slovenia 3 Lebanon 0; Yugoslavia 3 Lebanon 0, Switzerland 3 Wales 0; Canada 3 Ireland 0; Canada 3 Switzerland 1. Slovenia 3 Wales 0; Ireland 3 Mauritius 0 Group D: Kazakhstan 3 Mexico 0; Italy 3 Colombia 0, Greece 3 Guatemala 0. Croatia 3 Gauternala 0; Greece 3 Mexico 0; Italy 3 Kazakhstan 0 Group E: Armenia 3 Mongolia 0; Nigeria 3 Pakistan 0, Malaysia 3 Jordan 0, Norway 3 Turkey 0, Nigeria 3 Turkey 0; Armenia 3 Pakistan 0; Mongolia 3 Jordan 1. Group F: Denmark 3 San Marino 0; Israel 3 Luxembourg 0; Portugal 3 Nepal 0; Egypt 3 Malta 0; Denmark 3 Malta 0, Egypt 3 Nepal 0; Israel 3 Portugal 0. Luxembourg 3 San Marino 0 Group G: Czechoslovakia 3 Singapore 1; Belgium 3 Philippines 0; Bosnia 3 Latvia 0; Belgium 3 Latvia 0 Group H: India 3 Ghana 0; Bulgaria 3 Sri Lanka 0: Poland 3 Peru 0: Belorussia 3 Scotland 0. India 3 Sri Lanka 0; Bulgaria 3 Scotland 0; Belorussia 3 Poland 1, India 3 Peru 0. Group J: Finland 3 Laos 0; Ukraine 3 Argentina 0: Spain 3 Chile 0; Ukraine 3 Chile 0, Spain 3 Macau 0: Turkmenistan 3 Laos 1; Finland 3 Argentina 0; Ukraine bt Macau 3-0. Group K: Australia 3 Vietnam 0, Indonesia 3 Cyprus 0; Austria 3 New Zealand 0; Uzbekistan 3 Estonia 0; Australia 3 Cyprus 0; Indonesia 3 Estonia 0; Austria 3 Uzbekistan 0. Vietnam 3 New Zealand 0; Estonia 3 Cyprus 0.

TENNIS

ATLANTA: Men's tournament: First round: T Martin (US) bt A Sznajder (Can) 7-6, 6-4; A Krickstein (US) bt R Reneberg (US) 6-3, 7-5: C Adams (US) bt K Alami (Mor) 7-6, 4-6, 6-4; J Palmer (US) bt J Morgan (Aus) 7-6, 6-4; W McGuire (US) bt A Mancisidor (Sp) 6-4, 4-6, 7-5; C Ruud (Nor) bt M Tebbutt (Aus) 6-4, 6-3; M Chang (US) leads R Vasek (Cz) 2-0.
MUNICH: Men's tournament: First round: W Ferreira (SA) bt D Vacek (Cz) 6-4, 6-2; S Edberg (Swe) bt P Rafter (Aus) 7-6, 6-3; R Furlan (It) bt A Medvedev (Ukr) 4-6, 6-4, 6-2: A Corretja (Sp) bt C Costa (Sp) 6-2, 6-3; O Gross (Ger) bt J Burillo (Sp) 7-5, 5-7, 6-1; B Karbacher (Ger) bt C Pioline (Fr) 6-2, 6-2; M Sinner (Ger) bt Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 6-4, 6-3; D Pescariu (Rom) bt M Zoecke (Ger) 6-4, 6-2.
HAMBURG: Women's tournament: Qualifying round: N Dahlmann (Swe) bt R Pelikanova (Cz) 7-5, 6-3; E Martincova (Russ) bt S Kloesel (Ger) 6-2, 6-2; J Kandarr (Ger) bt N Ercegovic (Cro) 6-0, 6-3; D Randriantefy (Madagascar) bt C Dhenin (Fr) 6-4, 6-3; A Gavaldon (Mex) bt M McGrath (US) 6-4, 7-6. First round: A Gavaldon (Mex) bt M McGrath (US) 6-4, 7-6; M Hingis (Switz) bt S Testud (Fr) 6-1, 6-2; P Begerow (Ger) bt N Dahlman (Fin) 7-5, 6-3; R Zrubakova (Slovakia) bt C Dhenin (Fr) 6-4, 6-2; J Wiesner (Austria) bt N Ercegovic (Cro) 6-3, 3-6, 6-0.
EDINBURGH: LTA Spring satellite tournament: Women: First round: L Perkins (GB) bt C Taylor (GB) 6-1, 6-3; M Wolf-Brandt (Swe) bt B Numbarova (Cz) 1-6, 6-3, 6-0; C Haverrigg (Austria) bt K Hand (GB) 6-2, 6-3; P Plackova (Cz) bt L Fichtbauer (Ger) 6-2, 6-3; N Egorova (Russ) bt L Austin (GB) 6-1, 6-3; K Cross (GB) bt P Palmer (GB) 6-2, 6-0; H Ho (US) bt M Hughes (GB) 6-4, 6-1; R Mawdsley (Aus) bt L Andretto (Fr) 6-2, 7-6; M Javer (GB) bt J Cannen (US) 6-4, 6-3; L Woodroffe (GB) bt C Sessions (US) 2-6, 6-1, 6-4; H Salvador (Sp) bt A Wainwright (GB) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; D Chladkova (Cz) bt N Schwarz (Austria) 6-3, 6-0.

YACHTING

BOC CHALLENGE: Solo round the world race: Overall: 1, Sceta Calberson (C Augum, Fr) 121days 17hr 11min; 2, Hunter's Child (S Pettengill, US) 128:04:03, 3, Vendée Enterprises (J van den Heede, Fr) 129:17:59; 4, Coyote (D Scully, US) 133:00:56; 5, Novell South Africa (JJ Provoyeur, SA) 133:05:11. Final stage (from Punta del Este to Charleston): 1, Sceta Calberson, 24:20:17; 2, Hunter's Child, 27:19:59; 3, Coyote 28:02:10, 4, Vendée Enterprise, 28:02:54. Other positions (at 08:00 GMT yesterday with miles to Charleston, US): Class 1: 6, Thursday's Child (A Taylor, US) 1,318. Class 2: Overall: 1, True Blue (D Adams, Aus) 131:05:06 Final stage: 1, True Blue 29.00:55, Other positions (at 08.00 GMT yesterday with miles to Charleston, US): 2, Kodak (G Soldini, It) 230; 3, Newcastle Australia (A Nebauer, Aus) 1,210.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 42

BOUQUETIER

(c) A small holder for a bunch of flowers, especially one carried in the hand, from the French *bouquet*. "I did remember to bring you flowers, Daniella, honest, but they all fell out of their bouquetier."

EDAPHIC

(b) Pertaining to, produced or influenced by, the soil, from the Greek *edaphos* the soil. "The sand dune can be aptly described as an edaphic desert — a desert that is due not to climatic but to soil conditions, since the coarse texture and very low organic content render sand a very poor retainer of water."

CAPEADOR

(a) One who assists a bullfighter by distracting and tricking the bull with his cloak, from the Spanish *capear* to trick a bull with a cape. Rudyard Kipling, *Debits & Credits*, 1924: "The capeadors — the men with the cloaks — were advancing to play Apis."

ESCHATOCOL

(c) The concluding section of a roll or charter, containing the attestation, date, and so on, a concluding clause or formula. The antipodes of a *protocol*. From the Greek *eschatos* last + *kolla* glue, which was used to make a papyrus roll.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. . . . Qc1+!; 2. Kxa2 Rxa3+! and White will be mated, eg. 3. bxa3 Qa1, 3. Kxa3 Qa1 or 3. Rxa3 Qxb2.

ASTRONAUTS WANTED.

ITV
7.45PM
WED 3RD MAY 1995.

MONDAY'S LATE RACING

Windsor

Going: good

5.30 (1m 67yd) 1, Amdilly (T Quinn, 13-2): 2, Roseate Lodge (4-1), 3, Cyrano's Lad (10-1). Gulf Shaadi 13-8 fav. 18 ran. NR: Pop To Stans. 2½l, 2l. B Meehan. Tote: £7.40; £2.30, £1.70, £3.00. DF: £12.60 Trio: £148.30 CSF £36.64.

6.00 (5f 10yd) 1, Jolis Present (W Carson, 2-1 jt-fav: Thunderer's nap); 2, Princely Sound (2-1 jt-fav), 3, What Fun (7-1) 10 ran. Nk, 3l. M Ryan. Tote: £3 40, £1 10, £1.10, £2.90. DF: £3 40 Trio: £5.30 CSF: £8.92.

6.30 (5f 10yd) 1, Sally Slade (K Darley, 9-1): 2, Youdontsay (40-1): 3, Tharwa (8-1). Cats Bottom 6-1 jt-fav. 15 ran. NR: Double Quick. ½l, ½l. C Cyzer. Tote: £21.60; £5.70, £31 40, £4 40. DF: £272.40. Trio: £547 40. CSF: £278 52. Tricast: £2,733.45.

7.00 (1m 3f 135yd) 1, Fujiyama Crest (J Tate, 7-2 fav), 2, Red Bustaan (7-1), 3, Siktaal (7-1); 4, Iron N Gold (9-2) 16 ran. 1½l, 1l. M Stoute. Tote: £4.80: £2.10, £2.00, £2.30, £1 60. DF: £20 60. Trio: £77 00. CSF: £33.25. Tricast: £170.24.

7.30 (5f 10yd) 1, Anotherannniversary (Paul Eddery, Evens fav), 2, Marl (9-1); 3, Cascadia (5-2). 9 ran. Nk, ½l. G Lewis. Tote: £2.10, £1 10, £2 20, £1.50. DF: £8.90. Trio: £10 10. CSF: £11 41.

8.00 (1m 67yd) 1, Krystallos (W R Swinburn, 4-1 jt-fav), 2, Jam N Shadeed (6-1); 3, Arzani (33-1). Restructure 4-1 jt-fav. 20 ran. NR: My Gina. Hd, 3l. R Hannon. Tote: £5 10; £1.80, £2 10, £13.30. DF: £12 80. Trio: £137.20. CSF: £28 45.

Placepot: £154.20.

Quadpot: not won (pool of £70.40 was carried forward to Nottingham yesterday).

Hexham

Going: good to soft (good in places)

5.45 (3m hdle) 1, Father O'Brien (A P McCoy, 8-11 fav); 2, Now Charges (20-1); 3, Stormy Coral (5-2). 13 ran. NR: Misti Hunter. 6l, 3½l. J Edwards. Tote: £1.50, £1 10, £5.60, £1 20. DF: £20 70. Trio: £11.50. CSF: £17 06.

6.15 (2m hdle) 1, Familiar Art (N Bentley, 7-1); 2, Tough Deal (8-1), 3, Hot Punch (7-4 fav) 11 ran. NR: Eastern Magic. 1¾l, 3½l. G Moore. Tote: £8 00; £1.70, £3.40, £1.30. DF: £51 30. Trio: £51.20. CSF: £60.98.

6.45 (3m 1f ch) 1, Dominant Serenade (P Niven, 9-4 fav), 2, Quiet Mistress (16-1), 3, Walls Court (11-1). 12 ran. 3½l, 1¼l. M Hammond. Tote: £3 40, £1.80, £3.50, £1 70. DF: £41 00. Trio: £30 00. CSF: £35 65.

7.15 (2m hdle) 1, Jungle Ritas (M Dwyer, 9-2), 2, Black Magic Woman (11-2); 3, Military Academy (9-4 fav). 15 ran. 3½l, 3l. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £8 50; £2 40, £1.20, £1 80. DF: £22.20. Trio: £24 60. CSF: £32 42.

7.45 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Isayin (R Garritty, 5-2 fav); 2, Precipice Run (13-2); 3, Port In A Storm (5-1). 7 ran. NR: The Lorryman. Nk, 10l. M W Easterby. Tote: £3 40; £1.70, £3.30. DF: £11.90. CSF: £18.09. Tricast: £69 67.

8.15 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Nicholas Plant (F Leahy, 7-1); 2, Village Reindeer (8-1), 3, Tighter Budget (5-1). Oat Couture 7-2 fav. 12 ran. NR: Bickerman, Casual Pass. 20l, 2½l. J Goldie. Tote: £14.90: £2.80, £3 60, £2 00. DF: £91 40. Trio: £149 70. CSF: £60 67. Tricast: £283 80

Placepot: £49.30. Quadpot: £10.70

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership
Aston Villa v Manchester City (7.45)
Everton v Chelsea (7.45)
Newcastle v Tottenham (7 45)
Southampton v Crystal Palace
West Ham v QPR (7.45)
Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Stoke v Bolton (7 45)
Swindon v Notts County (7 45)
Tranmere v Wolverhampton
Vauxhall Conference
Woking v Altrincham (7.45)

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Unifilla first division Cup: Semi-final, second leg: Blyth Spartans v Great Harwood

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Hastings v Chelmsford. Southern division: Havant v Bury Town, Yate v Tonbridge. Midland division: Hinckley v Stourbridge.

KONICA LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Ton Pentre v Inter Cardiff

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Liskeard v Taunton, Odd Down v Mangotsfield

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Prescot v Bootle, Rossendale v Bacup, St Helens v Penrith

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Sawbridgeworth v Maldon.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Downton v Bournemouth

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Langney Sp v Peacehaven/Telscombe; Newhaven v Wick, Stamco v Burgess Hill

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Dartford v Sheppey

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Charlton v Bristol R (7 0), Millwall v Ipswich (2.0); Norwich v Wimbledon. Oxford U v Southampton. Second division: Cheltenham v Bath, Exeter v Cardiff, Torquay v Hereford; Yeovil v Plymouth (7.45)

PONTINS LEAGUE (7 0). First division: Blackburn Rovers v Sheffield United (at Wigan); Leeds United v Aston Villa (at Halifax), West Brom v Bolton. Second division: Bradford v Barnsley; Burnley v Leicester, Hull v Birmingham; Middlesbrough v Grimsby. York v Oldham.

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Northampton Spencer v Raunds

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper v Arnold.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Ignatians v Cardinal Manning. Senior first division: Old Kingsburians v Old Salvatorians. Senior second division: Old Manorians v Old Camdenians

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Northallerton v Consett; Whitby v West Auckland

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Chester-le-Street: Durham v Glamorgan. Chelmsford: Essex v Derbyshire. Oakham: Leicestershire v Yorkshire. North Perrott: Somerset v Gloucestershire. Cheam: Surrey v Middlesex. Hove: Sussex v Lancashire. Knowle and Dorridge: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire

OTHER MATCH (one day): Lord's: MCC v MCC Young Cricketers

RADIO CHOICE

An ear for a tale of woe

The Pamela Myers Show. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

I may well be proved wrong by subsequent episodes, but part one of Colin Sharpe's serial appears to echo *Network*, the film that won Peter Finch his posthumous Oscar in 1976. Finch played an emotional television news broadcaster who went to pieces in full view of his public. The eponymous Pamela in Sharpe's serial presents a radio phone-in. Her ears are permanently attuned to the woes of her callers. Being sympathetic to their plight is a double-edged sword. While helping her suffering callers, and boosting her show's audience ratings, she shows Finch-like signs of losing her own centre of gravity. She is played, feistily, by Eileen Pollock.

Cocktails. *Radio 3, 7.00pm.*

John Thornley's collection of popular songs of the 1930s and 1940s concentrates more on the wartime morale-boosting ditty than those which encouraged feet to dance in the village "hop" and the posh hotel. "Who cares if we're without a light", run the lyrics of one romantic song about the blackout, "they can't black out the moon". The air-raid siren inspired many a song, none more affecting than *When They Sound the Last All-Clear*. The nightingale that sang in Berkeley Square prompted Vera Lynn to remind her sweetheart that their homeward steps through London streets paved with stars were "just as light as the tap-dancing feet of Astaire". Less romantically, in another song, "nasty Uncle Adolf" gets it in the neck. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Dave Pearce **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Wendy Lloyd, incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat; and at **1.15** The Net **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Radio Tip Top **10.00** Mark Lamarr **Midnight** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce, incl at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Anna Ford **2.00pm** Chris Stuart **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hayes Over Britain **8.30** The Queen of Romance (6/6) (r) **9.00** Music for Youth **10.00** Explorer 2 **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **1.30** Pause for Thought **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, incl at **10.35** Euronews; **11.15** Natural History **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** roundup of the day's sport **7.35** Trevor Brooking's Football Night: Action from the FA Carling Premiership. West Ham v Queen's Park Rangers, Southampton v Crystal Palace, Everton v Chelsea and Aston Villa v Manchester City **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, incl at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Samantha Meah, Sean Bolger **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Maurice Dee, Carol McGiffen **10.00** Caesar **1.00am** Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST **5.00am** News **5.30** Europe (**MW only**: Off the Shelf **5.45** Country) **6.00** News **6.30** Omnibus (**MW only**: Europe) **7.00** News **7.15** World Today **7.30** Megamix **8.00** News **8.15** Fourth Estate **8.30** Discovery **9.00** News (**MW only**: News in German **9.10** Words of Faith (**MW only**: News in German) **9.15** Oliver Twist **10.00** News **10.15** Andy Kershaw **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **Noon** News **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News(**MW only**: News in German) **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Composer of the Month **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Megamix **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Discovery **5.00** News **5.15** United Nations **5.45** Folk Routes **6.00** News **6.15** From Our Own Correspondent **6.30** The World Today (**MW only**: News in German) **6.45** Sport (**MW only** News in German) **7.00** News **7.30** Music **8.00** News **9.00** Europe Today **9.30** Outlook **9.55** Words of Faith **10.00** News and Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Multitrack X-Press **11.00** News **11.30** The World Today **11.45** Telltale Tunes **Midnight** News **12.10am** Pop Nuggets **12.15** Sport **1.00** News **1.30** From Our Own Correspondent **1.45** Britain **2.00** News and Press **2.15** Ideas **2.35** Emblems **2.45** Farming **3.00** News **3.30** Sport **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Assignment

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Gardening Forum (r) **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nick Abbot **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Language and Jews
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: With Andrew McGregor. **7.05** Fauré (Nocturne in B, Op 33 No 2): **7.12** Handel (Recorder Sonata in G minor, Op 1 No 2) **7.32** Bach (Toccata and Fugue in D minor): **8.05** Elgar (Pomp and Circumstance March No 3 in C minor) **8.23** Ponchielli (Cielo e mar); **8.30** Grieg (Cello Sonata in A minor, Op 36)
9.00 Composers of the Week: The Golden Age of Hollywood: Miklos Rozsa and Dmitri Tiomkin
10.00 Musical Encounters: Stravinsky (Concert in E flat): **10.25** Reinecke (Flute Sonata, Op 167) **10.45** Fauré (Preludes — in D minor, Op 103 No 5; in E flat minor, Op 103, No 6); **10.50** Beethoven (Incidental music: Egmont **11.30** Mozart (Symphony No 36 in C)
12.00 Music Restored: Fortepianist Ronald Brautigam (r)
1.00pm News; Birmingham Lunchtime Concert. Schumann (Adagio and Allegro in A flat, Op 70); Henze (Viola Sonata); Brahms (Viola Sonata in E flat, Op 120 No 2)
2.00 Schools: Together: An Assembly for Schools **2.20** Time and Tune: Music Course 2 — Stop . . . Danger . . . Go! **2.40** Drama Workshop
3.00 Midweek Choice Hadley (My Beloved Spake); Anon (Cuncti simus concanentes); Respighi (Brazilian Impressions)
4.00 Choral Evensong. Live from King's College, Cambridge
5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson talks to Hank Wangford
5.15 In Tune, with Andrew Green
6.00 Rush Hour Concert: A concert by the Nash Ensemble, including music by Mozart and Dvořák's Serenade in D minor, Op 44
7.00 Cocktails: See Choice
7.30 Fauré and the French Connection: Live from the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester. Ravel (Sonatine); Messiaen (Le baiser de l'enfant Jésus — Vingt regards sur l'enfant Jésus); Fauré (Thème et variations in C sharp minor, Op 73); Debussy (Clair de lune; L'isle joyeuse. **8.25** Interval. Roger Nichols explores the French piano tradition. **8.45 Franck** (Prélude, choral et fugue); Fauré (Nocturne No 6 in D flat, Op 63; Impromptu No 2 in F minor, Op 31; Trois romances sans paroles, Op 17; Valse-caprice No 4 in A flat, Op 62); Chabrier (Bourée fantasque)
9.55 Listening in the Dark: With Philip Dodd (r)
10.15 The BBC Orchestras: The BBC Symphony Orchestra under Günter Wand plays Beethoven (Symphony No 1 in C)
10.45 Night Waves.The first night of Purcell's *King Arthur* at Covent Garden, a co-production between the Royal Opera House, Théâtre du Châtelet and Théâtre de Caen
11.30-12.30am Voices: Songs of War and Peace
1.00-1.40 Night School: Listen and Read **1.20** Verseplay

RADIO 4

6.00am News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with the Rev Patrick Baker **6.30** Today incl **6.30**, **7.00**, **7.30**, **8.00**, **8.30**, News **6.55**, **7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day. **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek with *Times* columnist Libby Purves and guests
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.00 Beyond the Blue Horizon (FM only): Harry Thompson recalls our blinkered perspective on the world in the interwar years
10.15 From Plato to the Present (LW only): Marcus Aurelius
10.30 Woman's Hour: Serial: *An Awfully Big Adventure* (6/8)
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time: Eric Robson visits the Friends of Oxford Botanic Gardens (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm King Street Junior: Six-part comedy drama series created by Jim Eldridge **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Pamela Myers Show: See Choice
2.45 Treasure Islands: The future of library services for children
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Brian Sibley sees *The Steal* and a new staging of *Pygmalion*
4.45 Short Story: A Poet in the Family, by Patrick Cunningham
5.00 PM
5.45 A Party Election Broadcast by the Labour Party **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Ballylenon: Comedy drama series by Christopher Fitz-Simon set in County Donegal, in 1953 (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Second to None: The Agency nurse (r)
7.45 All in the Mind: Prof Anthony Clare invesigates dream research (r)
8.15 Costing the Earth: Mark Whittaker presents a special programme on the future of the North Sea
8.45 The Return of Sherlock Holmes: Last in the series of classic mysteries starring Clive Merrison as Holmes and Michael Williams as Dr Watson (r)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Crawford Logan begins a three-part reading of James Hamilton-Paterson's *Carney Palafox*, a comic story
11.00 The Home Front: Seven pictures of Britain during the Second World War culled from diaries of the time (r)
11.30 The Airport (FM only): More sketches from the black comedy circuit with Felix Dexter, Llewella Gideon, Roger Griffiths, Jo Martin, Josephine Melville and Eddie Nestor (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)
12.00-12.45am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.45** As World Service (LW only).

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Suffering for his art and for the cameras

The trouble with this *States of Mind* season is that virtually every programme on television seems suddenly to belong to it. Last night's BBC 1 **Omnibus** on Dave Stewart (the artist formerly known as "the other one" in the Eurythmics) seemed on the surface rather like BBC 2's *Enemy Within* series, in which the famous admit to Anthony Clare about having mental agonies, thus reassuring millions of unimportant little people who have them too. The *Omnibus* even featured Stewart in therapy, though with questionable results. "When my parents broke up, I think I went into denial," Stewart told his shrink. The shrink looked sympathetic. "What was it that you were denying?" Stewart thought about it. "Probably the fact that they'd broken up."

Dave's problems are many, obviously. They include living in a post-modern environment strung with tiny televisions, designed to look like "a cross between a disco in Wigan and the set of *Blade Runner*". He has panic attacks, like Imogen Stubbs. He has an unscrupulous optician who sells him horn-rimmed spectacles which do nothing to flatter his bulbous nose. He appears to lie on a big bed half the day (a boom mike poised very visibly a foot above his head), playing slide guitar without raising his shoulders from the horizontal. Plus, in case we missed the gist, "I am living in utter turmoil," he tells his psychotherapist.

Is this man a mess? Did *Omnibus* gain an extraordinary insight into a tortured soul? Well, yes and no. Dave Stewart is clearly a controlling personality (you should see the way he plays football) and although it was a very clever and watchable programme about an obsessive, talented child who never grew up, this independently produced *Omnibus* was essentially a highly contrived pop video which will help him sell records. For all the nice documentary bits (his old dad playing home movies; Annie Lennox floundering for words), there were as many glossy clips from his own promotional films, or phoney cinematic moments, such as Stewart collapsing during an interview. Pop videos helped the Eurythmics sell 30 million records in the 1980s. Last night's film was called *Greetings from the Gutter*, and Stewart's new solo album is called *Greetings from the Gutter*, too. An amazing coincidence.

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

It's no good being purist about all this, of course; but heaven knows I try. Last night's first course of Derek Cooper's **Meat** (BBC 2) focused on the activities of the Meat and Livestock Commission, which makes those television advertisements entitled "A Recipe for Love", in which romance and cooked dinners are shown to be inextricably linked. Several of these advertisements were therefore shown — and then explained and deconstructed by what (for convenience's sake) we may call the Meat Man and the Veg Man. *Let There Be Love* is the theme tune, and both the Meat Man and the Veg Man agreed about the import. Evidently the largest group of meat abstainers in our society comprises young, unattached women. What are they missing? Well, a pork loin, that's what. Subtle it isn't. One is reminded, with a certain reluctance, of Jonathan Meades's famous euphemism for sex — viz, rubbing offal.

The Meat Man and the Veg Man are engaged in a big ideological war, the claims of which will presumably be investigated in future weeks. For this first programme, however, the image of the carnivore was the main thing. Is it manly to eat meat? (Answer: Yes.) Will rugby players settle for tofu when disguised as a beefburger? (Answer: No.) Will customers buy meat if it doesn't look like meat? (Answer: You bet. Pass those yummy nuggets.)

Where would *Meat* find examples of unreconstructed meat-eaters? Why, at the convenient inaugural dinner of the Carnivores Club in London's fashionable West End! Here we could observe with horror the entire contributing staff of *The Spectator* (well, Digby Anderson, Jennifer Paterson and Auberon Waugh) enjoying a defiant frenzy of flesh, flames and grease, like something out of Hogarth. Keen-eyed *Times* readers will also have spotted Matthew Bond among these chop-smackers, taking notes. For me, this cheered up proceedings considerably, although naturally one worried that in the heat of the moment, they might tear him up and eat him too.

Having always disliked the larky term "Auntie" for the BBC, I was amazed and relieved when recently a documentary appeared on BBC 2 called, soberly, *The BBC in Vietnam*. It seemed like such a refreshing idea.

Last night's first half of **What Did You Do in the War, Auntie?** (BBC 1) therefore got off to an irrationally bad start with me. A perfectly good account of the role of the BBC in wartime, it lacked the style and boldness that one expects from such programmes as *Timewatch*; it certainly lacked any political argument. But all the official story was there, from the disgraced Charles Gardner describing the Battle of Britain ("Oh boy, I've never seen anything as good as this!") to morale-saving disinformation about Dieppe; from Sandy Macpherson at the organ to Gracie Fields singing *Land of Hope and Glory*. On last week's *Have I Got News For You*, Paul Merton happened to mention "the songs that won the war", and imagined Nazis climbing out of tanks waving hankies, shaking their heads: "How can we compete with these lyrics?" Watching *What Did You Do in the War, Auntie?*, however, you begin to see how it could have happened.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (27222)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (10223241)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (1598067)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7402574) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r). (Ceefax) (1654406)

10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series (s) (4341970)

12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (9129338) **12.05 Pebble Mill** with Alan Titchmarsh (s) (5200135) **12.50 Regional News** and weather (15637390)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (13970) **1.30 Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (51052816)

1.50 Going for Gold with the adaptable Henry Kelly (s) (57452852) **2.15 Alias Smith and Jones**. Lighthearted western adventures (r) (9713715) **3.05 Gardens of the World**. Visits to La Roseraie de l'Hays in France and Mottisfont Abbey (r) (6568406)

3.30 Cartoon (5458406) **3.45 The Animals of Farthing Wood** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8759970) **4.10 The Chipmunks** (r) (2124951) **4.35 The Boot Street Band** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1261319)

5.00 Newsround (7627680) **5.05 Blue Peter**. Includes a look at wartime cooking. (Ceefax) (s) (1902628)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (280338)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (57)

6.30 Regional news magazines (39)

7.00 This Is Your Life presented by Michael Aspel. (Ceefax) (s) (4116)

7.30 Here and Now. Current affairs magazine (93)

8.00 The Gotcha Hall of Fame. Noel Edmonds introduces highlights of the "Gotcha" part of his *House Party* series. (Ceefax) (s) (506406)

8.45 Points of View with Anne Robinson. (Ceefax) (s) (779715)

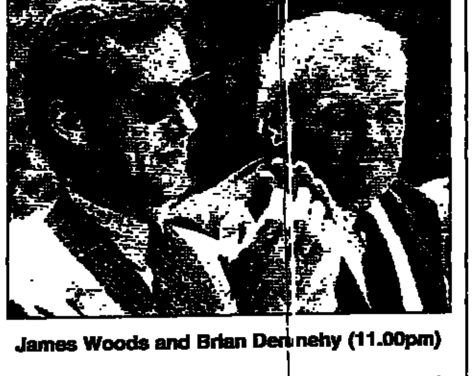
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6319)

9.30 Party Election Broadcast by the Labour Party. (Ceefax) (s) (886883)

9.35 News 45: VE Day. The news of 50 years ago delivered in today's style by Sue Lawley. (Ceefax) (510203)

9.50 Cardiac Arrest. Medical drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (432951)

10.20 Rough Justice: Death in the Playground. (Ceefax) (s) (437785)



James Woods and Brian Dennehy (11.00pm)

11.00 FILM: Best Seller (1987) starring James Woods and Brian Dennehy. A thriller about a policeman-turned-writer who agrees to write a hitman's story after the latter is sacked by his prominent industrialist employer who, when faced with exposure, decides to silence both of them. Directed by John Flynn. (Ceefax) (70574)

12.30am FILM: Devil Doll (1964) starring Bryant Halliday and William Sylvester. A horror movie about a ventriloquist's dummy that takes on a sinister life of its own. With Yvonne Romain and Sandra Dorne. Directed by Lindsay Shonteff (5551346)

1.50 Weather (9629162)

BBC2

6.20 Open University

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (7586406)

8.15 Westminster On-Line with Trevor Phillips (s) (1938208)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (1665512) **1.45** You and Me (95700425) **2.00** William's Wish Wellingtons (12559154) **2.05** Philbert the Frog (12558425)

2.10 Racing from Ascot. Live coverage of the **2.30**, **3.05** and **3.40** races (s). Includes **News** and weather at **2.55** (200951) **3.55 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3392425)

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (22)

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook. Innovative recipes (26)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. A look at prize possessions. (Ceefax) (s) (2103777)

5.40 Stress Busters. Alternative therapies for the release of stress (r) (240845)

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Science-fiction adventures. (Ceefax) (s) (179680)

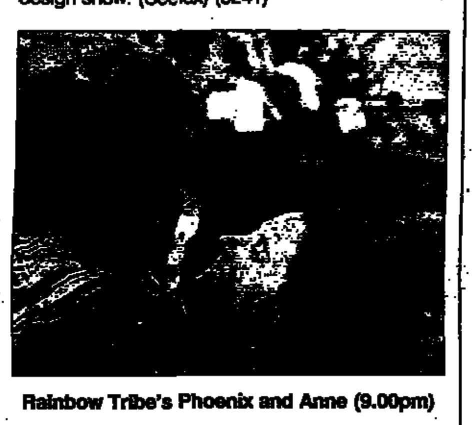
6.45 A Bit of Bluff. Highlights of the popular 1960s to 1980s word game *Call My Bluff* (781845)

7.00 Timewatch at War: Hitler's Secret Weapon. Archive film of the development of Germany's V1 and V2 rockets. (Ceefax) (s) (368932)

7.50 French Cooking in Ten Minutes. (Ceefax) (s) (193086)

8.00 Seven Wonders of the World. (Ceefax) (s) (1406)

8.30 Home Front. A special country edition of the interior design show. (Ceefax) (3241)



Rainbow Tribe's Phoenix and Anne (9.00pm)

9.00 Modern Times: The Tribe. (Ceefax) (s) (241593)

9.50 Watch Out. The latest wildlife news (888241)

10.00 Jo Brand Goes Back to Bedlam. Jo Brand, once a psychiatric nurse, debunks some of the common fears about mental health. (Ceefax) (40999)

10.30 Party Election Broadcast by the Labour Party. (Ceefax) (s) (366932)

10.35 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (350241)

11.20 Late Review. Arts magazine (s) (238715)

12.00 Weather (8305655) **12.05am-12.55 Open University:** The Psychology of Addiction (6722742) **12.30** Structuring Decisions (6187297)

12.55 The Record (s) (7950013). Ends at **1.25**

4.00-4.15 BBC Select: Benefits Agency Today (r) (16868907) **4.30-6.00 BBC Select: Read and Write Together** (r) (42100) **5.00 Voluntary Sector Television** (55538)

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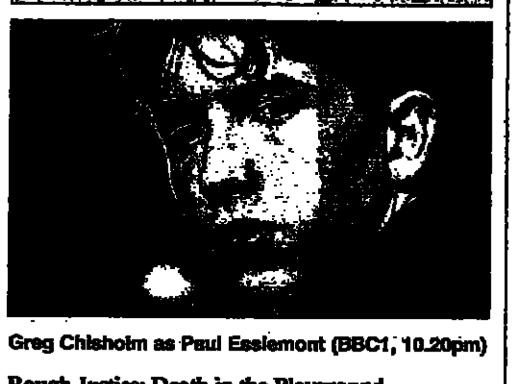


Greg Chisholm as Paul Esslemont (BBC1, 10.20pm)

Rough Justice: Death in the Playground
BBC1, 10.20pm

A forensic expert says it is perfectly possible to get blood on your trainers by tramping through grass near a battered body. A psychologist says: "The accused does not in any way fit the profile of a vicious killer." A neighbour says: "He's a really nice lad — he used to look after my little girl." And a member of the jury: "I felt we hadn't heard all the evidence..." Yet, in May 1993, at Birmingham Crown Court, 17-year-old Paul Esslemont was found guilty of battering to death three-year-old Carl Kennedy. The verdict, manslaughter, sent him down for eight years. But the returning series is not buying this and in typically dogged fashion has assembled enough fresh evidence to make a retrial seem to be essential.

Modern Times: The Tribe
BBC 2, 9.00pm

This ultimately touching film does try to be even-handed about the "raggle-taggle hippies" — a group of travellers-cum-squatters known as The Rainbow Tribe — and their middle-class/council/police "enemies". But it carries its heart on its sleeve as cameras follow the Tribe through eviction from their disused church, then their empty house and finally on to the streets of north London. Spokesman Phoenix points out that they are not spongers — all have skills they want to put to use for the homeless at a "Rainbow Centre". "When people look back at the 1990s they will ask who were the real criminals," says Phoenix, "those who tried hard to do something about the environment — or those who had everything and did nothing?"

Seven Wonders of the World
BBC 2, 8.00pm

John Maynard Smith concludes this endearing series about what — often surprisingly — turns boffins on. For his seven wonders the retired professor of biology at Sussex University ("I chose biology because physics was getting too difficult") nominates the movement of the desert sidewinding snake, demonstrating the technique with a chair. "See? If the snake went straight it wouldn't get anywhere." Then there is the flight of the albatross ("It doesn't flap its wings and there are no up-currents over sea"), a classic toy, the Tippe Top ("based on Newton's laws of motion — it can't be explained without mathematics"), the Bee orchid which attracts bees by disguising itself as one — Attenborough watchers may recall it — termite mounds, DNA, and space travel.

Dispatches
Channel 4 9.00pm

A specially extended edition — nine months in the making — brings eye-witness accounts of the apparent involvement of three prominent British Muslims in some shocking crimes: incitement to torture, rape, mutilation and murder among them. The programme argues that they should be prosecuted under war crimes legislation. Who are they? All have lived in Britain since the 1971 Bangladesh war of liberation against Pakistan. Each is now a leading figure in the Bangladeshi community and actively involved in fundamentalist politics. Their involvement in "war crimes" has been likened to the Nazi pogroms.

Elizabeth Cowley

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (4963970)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw. Game show (8824796) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1642661)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (5238796)

10.35 This Morning (86372048) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9118222)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7895680)

12.55 Home and Away. (Teletext) (7810999) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r). (Teletext) (16511135) **1.55 A Country Practice** (s) (60507721)

2.20 Wild About Essex. Tony Robinson explores parts of Essex's industrial wildernesses (20676883) **2.50 So Long, M25**. Travel series (2029241)

3.20 ITN News (Teletext) (5729375) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6179816)

3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (s) (5452222) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (3333339) **3.50 The Adventures of Grady Greenspace** (5463338) **4.05 Warner Brothers Cartoon** with Sylvester and Tweety Pie (2138154) **4.25 Tales from the Cryptkeeper**. (Teletext) (s) (2114574) **4.50 Brill**. (Teletext) (s) (5414048)

5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating. (Teletext) (1996067)

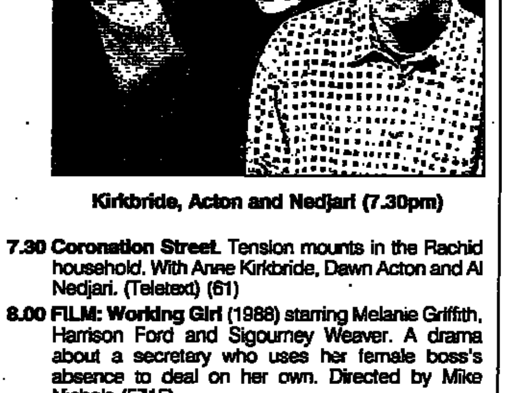
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (523680)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' video soapbox (848262)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (25)

6.30 London Tonight. (Teletext) (77)

7.00 Wish You Were Here . . ? Reports from three Perths — one in Scotland, one in Canada and one in Australia. (Teletext) (s) (2512)



Kirkbride, Acton and Nedjari (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Tension mounts in the Rachid household. With Anne Kirkbride, Dawn Acton and Al Nedjari. (Teletext) (61)

8.00 FILM: Working Girl (1988) starring Melanie Griffith, Harrison Ford and Sigourney Weaver. A drama about a secretary who uses her female boss's absence to deal on her own. Directed by Mike Nichols (5715)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (37425)

10.30 Party Election Broadcast by the Labour Party (393086)

10.35 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (880208)

10.45 The Rugby Warriors. Profiles of the World Cup teams (966135)

11.15 FILM: Thrillkill (1984) starring Robin Ward and Gina Massey. Thriller about a computer hacker who robs banks. She hides her loot but is then murdered. Her policewoman sister tries to track down the money. Directed by Anthony Kramreither (793203)

12.55am The Little Picture Show presented by Mariella Frostrup (3597029)

1.55 The Album Show (s) (9830433)

2.55 Hollywood Report (s) (9129891)

3.25 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (67445487)

3.50 Profile of Tanita Tikaram (s) (36548094)

4.00 Sport AM featuring motorcycling (r) (3624100)

4.55 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (1031029)

5.30 ITN Morning News (89988). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Spiff and Hercules (7731715)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (72703)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (14574)

9.30 FILM: They Shall Have Music (1939, b/w) starring Jascha Heifetz, Gene Reynolds and Joel McCrea. A sentimental drama with classical music about the fight to save a music school for slum children from closure. Directed by Archie Mayo (97115574)

11.25 Profiles of Nature: Warblers (r) (7911357)

11.50 John Law and the Mississippi Bubble Richard Condie's animated history of paper money, stocks and shares (2314785)

12.00 House To House Political magazine (34338)

12.30 Sesame Street (r) (18777) **1.30 The Herbs** followed by **Dig, Dug and Daisy** (r) (42845)

2.00 FILM: The Search (1948, b/w) starring Montgomery Clift and Ivan Jandl. A drama set in post-Second World War Germany about a GI who helps a young refugee to recover from the horrors of his wartime experiences. Directed by Fred Zinnemann. Followed by **Loved Ones** (8048)

4.00 Journeyman. On the final leg of his journey, Clive Gunnell walks along Golden Cap (s) (90)

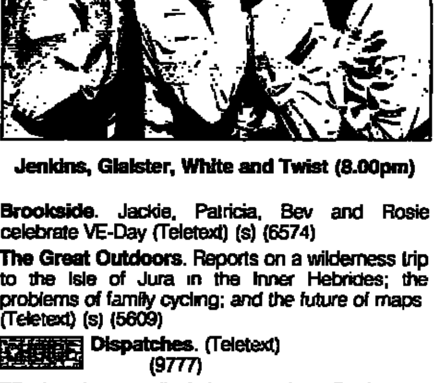
4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (74)

5.00 Ricki Lake. The guests are women under 30 who have had multiple marriages. (Teletext) (s) (6792357) **5.45 Terrytoons** (520593)

6.00 All American Girl. Comedy. (Teletext) (s) (67)

6.30 Boy Meets World. (Teletext) (s) (19)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (393628) **7.50 Loved Ones** (188154)



Jenkins, Glaister, White and Twist (8.00pm)

8.00 Brookside. Jackie, Patricia, Bev and Rosie celebrate VE-Day (Teletext) (s) (6574)

8.30 The Great Outdoors. Reports on a wilderness trip to the Isle of Jura in the Inner Hebrides; the problems of family cycling; and the future of maps (Teletext) (s) (5609)

9.00 Dispatches. (Teletext) (9777)

10.00 ER. American medical drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (382680)

10.55 The Best Of the Tube featuring Queen, Sheila E and the Pet Shop Boys. Followed by **Loved Ones** (696680)

11.30 Cheers. Comedy series set in a Boston bar (r). (Teletext) (993390). Followed by **Loved Ones**

12.05am LA Law. Courtroom drama series (s) (7563013)

1.00 Mojo Working. Classic archive film of Little Richard in concert (r) (s) (23075)

1.30 Ubu. Animated version of Alfred Jarry's play (5724452)

1.50 Dolorosa Animation from Canada (9636452)

2.00 FILM: Her Man (1930, b/w) starring Helen Twelvetrees, Ricardo Cortez and Phillip Holmes. A drama about a young woman living in the Parisian underworld under the protection of a gangster, who falls for a sailor who wants to take her back to America. Directed by Tay Garnett (4100471). Ends at **3.25**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (1642661) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (9118222) **12.55** Coronation Street (7810999) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16511135) **2.20** Gardening Time (20676883) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (2029241) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (6179816) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1996067) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (425406) **10.35** Anglia News (880208) **10.45** Trail of the Pink Panther (44326488) **12.40am** Alien Nation (5204520) **1.35** Hollywood Report (5202075) **2.00** Shift (7719742) **2.55** America's Top Ten (9145839) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (8268365) **4.30** The Time.. the Place (46926) **5.00** The Munsters Today (95704)

CENTRAL

As London except: 2.20 Gardening Time (20676883) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (2029241) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1996067) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (425406) **11.15** Central Sports Special (923680) **12.15am** Get Wet (25384) **12.45** Profile (7707013) **4.55** Jobfinder (10836100) **5.20** Asian Eye (8355617)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (7810999) **1.25** Home and Away (51033222) **1.50** Highway to Heaven (3647048) **2.50-3.20** Coronation Street (2029241) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1996067) **6.25** Granada Tonight (425406) **7.00-7.30** Wish You Were Here..? (2512) **10.30** Party Election Broadcast by the Labour Party (393086) **10.35** Granada News (880208) **10.45** Granada Soccer Night (1837593) **12.10am** The Rugby Warriors (6706704) **12.40** Ce Ce Peniston - In Profile (5637742) **12.55** The Little Picture Show (3597029) **1.55** The Album Show (9830433) **3.25** **2.55** Hollywood Report (9129891) **3.25** America's Top Ten (67445487) **3.50** Profile (36548094) **4.00** Sport AM (3624100) **4.55** The Time.. the Place (1031029)

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (7810999) **1.25** Home and Away (16511135) **1.55** The New Mr & Mrs Show (17107767) **2.25** Good Advice (20675154) **5.10-** **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (6711086) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1996067) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (77) **11.15** China O'Brien (793203)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 1.55-2.25 The Really Helpful Programme (17107767) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (77) **10.35-10.45** HTV Wales News and Weather (880208)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (7810999) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16511135) **2.20** - True... but Strange (20676883) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (2029241) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1996067) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (25) **6.30-7.30** A Most Secret Service (77) **11.15** Married with Children (963048) **11.45** Sledge Hammer (962319) **12.15am** Good Advice (9378433) **12.40** Alien Nation (5204520) **1.35** Hollywood Report (5202075) **2.00** Shift (7719742) **2.55** America's Top Ten (9145839) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (8268365) **4.30** The Time . the Place (46926) **5.00** Freescreen (95704)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (7810999) **1.25** Home and Away (16511135) **1.55** High Road (17107767) **2.25** Mastercraft (20675154) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1996067) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (53951) **11.15** Sailaway (963048) **11.45** The Equalizer (956319) **12.50am** Night Shift (1324669)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (7810999) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16511135) **2.20** The Restaurant Show (20676883) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (2029241) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1996067) **5.55** Calendar (729609) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (77) **11.15** Street Legal (966951) **12.10am** Real Men (308013) **1.45** Hollywood Report (20839) **2.15** Vidfashion (86920) **2.45** The Album Show (252013) **3.45** Noisy Mothers (9453075) **4.40** Jobfinder (8786655)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (72703) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (14574) **9.30** They Shall Have Music (97115574) **11.25** Profiles Of Nature: Warblers (7911357) **11.50** John Law And The Mississippi Bubble (2314785) **12.30** Dr **12.00pm** House To House (34338) **12.30** Dr Smuggles (43574) **1.00** Slot Meithrin (22280) **1.30** The Pitcher (42845) **2.00** Food File (63538) **2.30** The Stars Look Down (32392241) **4.20** Deputy Dang (9801970) **4.30** The Cosby Show (74) **5.00** 5 Pump (7621406) **5.30** (8541809) **5.20** 5 Pump Fifteen To One (54) **6.00** Newyddion (733222) **6.15** Heno (155135) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (8834) **7.30** Trysorau'r Ynysoedd Cyfrinachau Ynys Br (13) **8.00** Amser Rhyfel Yn Ti I Ewrop (6574) **8.30** Darllediad Etholiadol Y Blaid (442357) **8.35** Newyddion (225319) **9.05** Dal Clter (555116) **9.35** Rap (420116) **10.00** Brookside (35087) **10.30** E.R. (388785) **11.25** Dispatches (683116) **12.25am** The Golden Girls (1406549)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat Show: Amigo and Friends (4731135) **6.05** Mrs Pepperpot (4730406) **6.10** Dynamo Duck (8662715) **6.30** My Little Pony (90113) **7.00** The Incredible Hulk (50425) **7.30** Superhuman Samurai Syber Squad (39932) **8.00** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (68319) **8.30** Blockbusters (50390) **9.00** Oprah Winfrey (41339) **10.00** Concentration (23883) **10.30** Card Sharks (70154) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (48680) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (51406) **12.30pm** Anything But Love (94222) **1.00** The Waltons (39777) **2.00** Matlock (24512) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (4109357) **3.50** DJ Kat Show (2144951) **3.55** Superhuman Samurai Syber Squad (9243636) **4.30** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (3512) **5.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (5241) **6.00** Spellbound (1777) **6.30** Family Ties (5357) **7.00** Rescue (6970) **7.30** M*A*S*H (4241) **8.00** Robocop (29932) **9.00** Picket Fences (49796) **10.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (42883) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (516970) **11.50** The Untouchables (101222) **12.45am** Chances (7758029) **1.30** WKRP in Cincinnati (44013) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix Long Play

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (2774116) **9.30** Entertainment This Week (41932) **10.30** ABC Nightline (78796) **11.00** News and Business (638628) **1.30pm** CBS News This Morning (37241) **2.30** Parliament Live (71067) **4.00** News and Business (27086) **5.00** Live at Five (8844609) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (5302319) **7.30** O.J Simpson Trial (9801338) **12.30am** CBS News (6394549) **1.10** Richard Littlejohn Replay (8639655) **2.30** Parliament Replay (16549) **4.30** CBS News (37520) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (38278)

SKY MOVIES

6.10am Showcase (88594574) **10.00 Cold River** (1982) (17896) **12.00 The Prince of Central Park** (1977) (38715) **2.00pm The Rare Breed** (1966) (33135) **4.00 Crooks and Coronets** (1969) (7845) **6.00 The Man in the Moon** (1991) (53888) **8.00 My New Gun** (1992) (25116) **10.00 Hellraiser III: Hell on Earth** (1992) (638777) **11.35 Wild Orchid 2** (1991) (696222) **1.25am Condition: Critical** (1992) (1050181) **2.55 Some Kind of Hero** (1981) (701988) **4.35-6.00 Cold River** (1982) As 10am (7580365)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

2.00pm Showcase (31715) **4.00 The Spider's Stratagem** (1970) (6777) **6.00 This Island Earth** (1954) (11951) **8.00 Overboard** (1987) (23796) **10.00-1.10pm Reds** (1981) (3744999)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Macomber Affair (1947) (55777) **8.00 Spiderman: Photo Finish/ A Matter of State** (1973) (13406) **10.00 Pardners** (1956) (96680) **12.00 Roughshod** (1949) (36357) **2.00pm The Stranger** (1946) (31777) **4.00 Spiderman: Photo Finish/ A Matter of State** (1973) (80434338) **5.55 The Flood: Who Will Save Our Children?** (1993) (21169970) **7.30 Special Feature: Tim Roth** (7951) **8.00 Untamed Heart** (1993) (56086) **10.00 Single White Female** (1992) (394796) **11.50 White Men Can't Jump** (1992) (603241) **1.45am Desperate Justice** (1993) **3.20 Young Lady Chatterley 2** (1993) (9075100) **4.45-6.00 The Little Mermaid** (5508655)

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SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (3154628) **7.15** WWF Superstars (403241) **8.15** Soccer News (1958715) **8.30** Powerboat World (18999) **9.00** NBA Action (92951) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (41715) **10.00** Boots 'n' All (71932) **11.00** Football (91796) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (12715) **12.30pm** Tartan Extra (7835222) **1.15** Fish Tales (86007512) **1.30** British Basketball Final (13241) **3.30** International Cricket: West Indies v Australia (292715) **6.00** Soccer News (444375) **6.15** The Winning Post, Live (36001222) **8.30** International Cricket (926628) **11.00** Soccer News (894425) **11.15** The Rugby Club (141715) **12.00** NBA Basketball: Denver v San Antonio (83384) **2.00-3.50** International Cricket Highlights (399907)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Football (78947) **9.30** Ice Hockey (47319) **11.30** Motors Magazine (50135) **1.30pm** Handball (88203) **3.00** Snooker (55715) **4.30** Motors Magazine (89970) **5.30** Motorcycling (2048) **6.00** Formula One (2661) **6.30** Eurosport News (6241) **7.00** Live Ice Hockey (952845) **10.00** Football (45406) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (77181)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (1425406) **8.30** Peyton Place (1424777) **9.00** As the World Turns (9022661) **10.00** Guiding Light (8891680) **11.00-12.00** Another World

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Globetrotter (1428593) **12.30pm** Boomerang (4658241) **1.00** Colorado River Adventures (8982932) **1.30** The Restaurant Show (4658512) **2.00** Australia Panorama (7136932) **2.30** Travels in Europe (9213203) **3.00** Discover America (1171864) **4.00** Travel Guide (9237883) **4.30** Boomerang (9233067) **5.00** Travel Guide (7150512) **5.30** Restaurant Show (9224319) **6.00** Travels in Europe (9214932) **6.30** American Vacation (5798661) **7.30** Australia Panorama (9234796) **8.00** Around the World in 30 Minutes (7156796) **8.30** Travel Guide (7135203) **9.00** Globetrotter (1189883) **9.30** American Vacation (3767932) **10.30** Travel Guide (1439970) **11.00** American Trail (1191628) **11.30-12.00** Cruising the Globe (8504406)

Bridget Fonda in *Single White Female* (Movie Channel, 10pm)

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting (7194945) **9.30** Simply Delicious (7404390) **10.00** Grow with Joe (6379222) **10.30** Divorcing Daddy (7123357) **11.00** Only Human (5915488) **12.00** Forty Something (7427241) **1.00pm** Simply Delicious (5610636) **1.30** The Joy of Painting (7414777) **2.00** Jimmy's (6818203) **2.30** Cash in Hand (5607999) **3.00** Grow with Joe (8837338) **3.30-4.00** Mad About Animals (5679116)

UK GOLD

7.00am Little Lord Fauntleroy (2460113) **7.30** Neighbours (9410898) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7106680) **8.30** EastEnders (7105951) **9.00** The Bill (7196203) **9.30** Campion (9172048) **10.30** When the Boat Comes In (85839884) **11.35** Going for Gold (12025319) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7116067) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7417864) **1.00** EastEnders (3810654) **1.30** The Bill (7416135) **2.00** Bless This House (8810661) **2.30** Brush Strokes (5609357) **3.00** Knots Landing (3605680) **4.00** Dallas (3624715) **5.00** Going for Gold (34702222) **5.25** XYZ (34721357) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (1830574) **6.30** EastEnders (5691338) **7.00** Brush Strokes (8821777) **7.30** Bless This House (5680222) **8.00** The Growing Pains of Adrian Mole (8830425) **8.30** Carry On Laughing (8819932) **9.00** Miss Marple. 4.50 from Paddington (2833951) **10.00** The Bill (7117786) **10.30** Top of the Pops (8884932) **11.10** Scotch 'n' Wry (6080135) **11.50** Dr Who (9160574) **12.20am** FILM: Black Narcissus (1946) (6242461) **2.10** Shopping (8202704)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (43222) **7.00** Sonic (21512) **7.30** Creepy Crawlers (17319) **8.00** Degrassi Junior High (46796) **8.30** Super Mario Brothers (3443116) **8.45** Casper (3471999) **9.00** Sesame Street (71593) **10.00** Tiny TCC (74067) **12.00** Madeline (49683) **12.30pm** Tiny TCC (92715) **2.30** Barney (3932) **3.00** Dinobabies (8135) **3.30** Sonic the Hedgehog (5777) **4.00** California Dreams (7512) **4.30-5.00** Degrassi Junior High (3796)

NICKELODEON

7.00am NickAlive (3146970) **7.15** Carmen Sandiego (443609) **7.45** Rugrats (435680) **8.15** Mighty Max (519116) **8.45** NickAlive (4613488) **9.00** Nick Jr (214222) **12.00** Carmen Sandiego (10357) **12.30pm** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (10945) **1.00** Smoggies (93154) **1.30** Grimmy (19116) **2.00** Denver (6512) **2.30** Galaxy High School (4406) **3.00** The Ferals (2319) **3.30** Alex Mack (9951) **4.00** Mighty Max (8086) **4.30** Rugrats (7970) **5.00** Clarissa (7864) **5.30** Odyssey (8222) **6.00** Modern Life (5135) **6.30-7.00** Pete and Pete

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Arctic (5681951) **4.30** Deadly Australians (5687135) **5.00** Wild South (8811390) **6.00** Invention (7632767) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (3479715) **7.30** Encyclopedia Galactica (5688864) **8.00** Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious Universe (8636067) **8.30** Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious World (8617574) **9.00** Victory (2831593) **10.00** Outlaws (7115338) **10.30** Belfast Boxers (7124086) **11.00-12.00** The Sexual Imperative (8965703)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM Beast with a Million Eyes (1955) (1609338) **1.30pm** Death Valley Days (7401203) **2.00** The Avengers (6374777) **3.00** Robin Hood (8824864) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (5689970) **4.00** FILM: Dr Goldfoot and the Bikini Machine (1965) (17760951) **5.45** Torchy the Battery Boy (6323086) **6.00** Garry Shandling (5695154) **6.30** Scotland Yard (5686406) **7.00** The Twilight Zone (8816845) **7.30** Robin Hood (5675390) **8.00** The Avengers (2848883) **9.00** Zoo Gang (2835319) **10.00-12.00** FILM The Face of Fu Manchu (1965) (3808319)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (4123154) **7.00** Living (7708390) **9.00** Bazaar (4108154) **9.30** Kate and Allie (5550406) **10.05** Signs of the Times (2493203) **10.35** Susan Powter (70282970) **11.00** Young and Restless (5216864) **11.55** Simple Programme **12.00** Kilroy (6558715) **12.55pm** Take Six Cooks (1901845) **1.30** New Mr and Mrs Show (2480390) **2.00** Agony Hour (7306048) **3.00** Living (9730680) **4.00** Infatuation (2887864) **4.30** Crosswits (7586339) **5.05** Joker's Wild (75804390) **5.30** Madhur Jaffrey's Far Eastern Cookery (7623116) **6.05** Susan Powter (3384067) **6.30** Infatuation UK (2888593) **7.00** Crosswits (6342067) **7.35** Joker's Wild (6796048) **8.00** Young and Restless (6275777) **8.55** Simple Programme **9.00** Cagney and Lacey (5897338) **10.00** Charlie's Angels (5890425) **11.00** Sex Life (9727116) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (7394203)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Dangermouse (3680) **5.30** The Tick (4048) **6.00** My Two Dads (4661) **6.30** Catchphrase (8241) **7.00** Busman's Holiday (4536) **7.30** Avonlea (73680) **8.30** Duty Free (8999) **9.00** FILM: The Ruth Rendell Mystery Movie (28241) **11.00** Lou Grant (37672) **12.00** Zorro (28839) **12.30am** The Tick (80568) **1.00** Trivial Pursuit (69636) **1.30** Rhoda (22839) **2.00** Moonlighting (58568) **3.00** Lou Grant (85617) **4.00** Rhoda (69907) **4.30-6.00** Zorro (73029)

MTV

5.00am Awake (31487) **6.30** The Grind (70390) **7.00** 3 from 1 (4927425) **7.15** Awake (5024241) **8.00** VJ Ingo (120319) **11.00** Soul (29425) **12.00** Greatest Hits (79512) **1.00pm** Afternoon Mix (55932) **2.00** 3 from 1 (52455574) **2.15** Afternoon Mix (4070338) **3.00** Cinematic (5571932) **3.15** Afternoon Mix (4080406) **4.00** MTV News (6512425) **4.15** Afternoon Mix (6502048) **4.30** Dial MTV (5154) **5.00** Zig and Zag (2338) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (28628) **7.00** Greatest Hits (18864) **8.00** Guide to Alternative Music (27572) **9.00** Most Wanted (74932) **9.30** Beavis (70241) **10.00** MTV News (118154) **10.15** Cinematic (113609) **10.30** Most Wanted (28390) **11.00** The End? (92319) **12.30am** The Grind (92926) **1.00** Soul (38549) **2.00** Night Videos (6995988)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (8981203) **9.00** Cafe (7984883) **12.00** The Bridge (4647406) **1.00pm** Ten/Best (4658154) **2.00** Heart and Soul (8518609) **3.00** Into the Music (6982680) **6.00** VH-1-2-3 (4182609) **6.15** Prime Cuts (8954864) **7.00** For You (8700777) **8.00** Soul (8719425) **9.00** Ten/Best (8799661) **10.00** The Bridge (8709048) **11.00** Nightfly (8901067) **12.00** VH-1 to 1: Sheryl Crowe (9948655) **12.30am** Nightfly (6194758) **1.00** Ten of the Best (6006094) **2.00-7.00** Dawn Patrol

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Stand of 210 between Atherton and Gallian takes cup-tie beyond Warwickshire

Lancashire open closing debate on champions

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

EDGBASTON (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire (2pts) beat Warwickshire by 40 runs

TIME after time last season, Warwickshire contrived victory from the most unpromising positions and yesterday, while Andy Moles and Dominic Ostler were flaying the Lancashire attack to all parts of Edgbaston, the force was apparently still with them. An imposing target of 306 was ultimately beyond them, however, and so too, it would seem, is the defence of the first of their three titles.

Within the revived group qualifying system in the Benson and Hedges Cup, the holders have lost two of their first three games. They are not quite eliminated yet but, already, the style with which they startled and swept aside allcomers last summer is being challenged. That they are going to find things much tougher, as exposed and scrutinised champions, cannot now be in doubt.

Lancashire present an interesting contrast. For some years they have been expected to achieve things that their results have not justified. Like their neighbours, Yorkshire, but with the additional factor of rich resources, they have been a big club with small playing returns.

Perhaps this is to be their year. With a deep and attractive batting order and a durable attack, a one-day event should be within their compass. Only the certainty that major limited-overs matches for Lancashire would attract many more of the bawling undesirables who occupied a corner of Edgbaston yesterday prevents this being a matter to celebrate unreservedly.

Last Tuesday, in their previous Benson and Hedges game, Lancashire had successfully chased 313. Yesterday, on a batsman's pitch and in glorious spring weather, they made almost as many. The tone of the game was quickly set, Allan Donald deciding that a short run-up and concentration on control was his best option, and nothing disturbed Michael Atherton and Jason Gallian as they took their first-wicket stand to the lunch interval and beyond, both making chanceless centuries.

Atherton had watched Donald's first ball fizz past his nose, but he would have anticipated nothing less. Thereafter, he played scarcely a false shot, tested as he was by the perennial accuracy of Gladstone Small. In two previous cup games, Small had conceded 45 runs in 22 overs. Here, remarkably, he bowled his quota of 11 for 25.

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There are not long odds against Gallian playing a Test match this summer, perhaps even with Atherton as his partner, but while the England captain has begun the season expansively, the anglicised Australian has struggled. He took time to find fluency yesterday but was playing with complete certainty by the time Warwickshire made their first breach in the 43rd over, with the total 210.

SCOREBOARD

LANCASHIRE

M A Atherton c Reeve b Smith	114
J E R Gallian not out	116
J P Crawley c Small b Smith	2
N H Fairbrother not out	60
Extras (lb 3, nb 10)	13
Total (2 wkts, 55 overs)	305

FALL OF WICKETS 1-210, 2-214

BOWLING: Donald 11-0-47-0; Small 11-2-25-0; Reeve 11-0-50-0, Welch 11-0-103-0; Smith 11-0-77-2

WARWICKSHIRE

A J Moles c and b Yates	89
N V Knight b Austin	3
D P Ostler c Watkinson b Yates	73
R G Twose c Hegg b Martin	0
T L Penney c Hegg b Yates	1
*D A Reeve b Austin	20
N M K Smith c Atherton b Wasim	2
†M Burns b Watkinson	12
G Welch not out	27
G C Small b Martin	3
A A Donald c Watkinson b Wasim	2
Extras (lb 14, w 6, nb 13)	33
Total (51.1 overs)	265

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-180, 3-181, 4-184, 5-211, 6-216, 7-220, 8-259, 9-262.

BOWLING: Wasim 9 1-0-58-2, Martin 10-1-35-2; Austin 11-2-65-2; Watkinson 10-1-41-1, Yates 11-0-52-3

Neil Smith had just been driven straight for six by Gallian when he tempted Atherton to make room and drive to extra-cover. John Crawley was in too much of a hurry and heaved a long hop from the same bowler to deep square leg but Warwickshire's chance to restrict the total, maybe to win the match, came and went when Neil Fairbrother was dropped, second ball, on nought.

It was such a straightforward edge off Small that Fairbrother was wheeling away to the pavilion when he realised Burns had dropped the catch. The real sufferer was Graeme Welch, contentiously preferred to Paul Smith in the Warwickshire side and now kept on by Reeve for his full 11 overs despite taking unmerciful punishment. Most of Fairbrother's 60, scored from 34 balls, came off Welch, whose concession of 103 runs was the highest in this competition. Compassionately, the public address announcer declined to offer his figures at the end of his spell.

Warwickshire have not lost the self-belief that sustained them last year and they did not flinch from their task, even after losing Knight in Austin's first over. Moles and Ostler added 158 in the next 28 overs and Wasim Akram's second spell of three overs for 35 was so dreadful that Lancashire briefly looked in disarray.

It was Yates, as unfashionable a cricketer as most of Warwickshire's were last year, who turned the game again. His three wickets in five overs included Moles and Ostler, whereupon it was all too much for the lower order, despite some brave blows from the chastened Welch.

DAVID JONES

Atherton moves closer to his century at Edgbaston during Lancashire's victory over Warwickshire

Manchester in prime position for Games of 2002

By John Goodbody

MANCHESTER yesterday formally handed over its bid for the Commonwealth Games in 2002, the fiftieth anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne.

With no other city bidding for the Games and the deadline expiring today, England seems certain to host the event for the first time since 1934.

Sir Bob Scott, who has led two unsuccessful attempts to bring the Olympic Games to Great Britain, said: "In no way do we regard the Commonwealth Games as a consolation for not getting the Olympics.

"They are a great prize in their own right. We have the vision and organisation to make them the best ever."

The Commonwealth Games Federation will visit Manchester in July and then the 68 member countries will ratify the candidature at a meeting in Bermuda in November.

Manchester, which defeated London in February 1994 to be England's nomination for the Games, already has a cluster of facilities available for 2002, partly as a result of the unsuccessful Olympic bids. The city is also about to open a large multi-purpose sports centre this summer.

However, Manchester still requires a 50-metre swimming pool, because existing facilities at Stockport do not include adequate spectator accommodation.

The pool will be sited at Wigan, where the renowned swimming club and the local community will be able to make ample use of the facility after the Games.

The greater uncertainty is the future role of the athletics stadium, close to the new cycling arena in the east of Manchester. Three cities — London, Birmingham and Manchester — hope to get the nominations for the venue for the new national stadium.

However, with Old Trafford, the home of Manchester United, soon to have the capacity for 55,000 spectators, the city is already well served for football.

The location of the national stadium will depend partly on the opinions of the Football Association and the Premier League. The FA has a contract to hold internationals and the FA Cup Final at Wembley until 2002.

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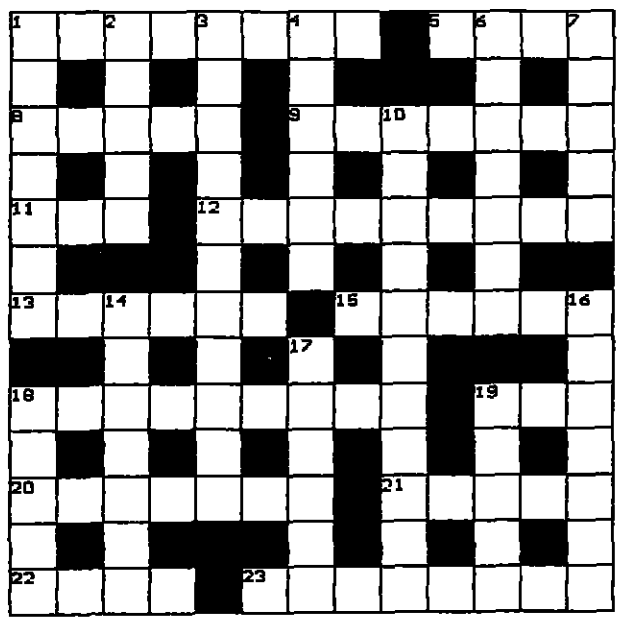

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5 Homeless, neglected child (4)
8 River mouth; Greek letter (5)
9 Feather in cap (7)
11 Residue of burning (3)
12 Kerry town, tourist centre for Lakes (9)
13 Fur cape (6)
15 Break, gap (6)
18 Disorder; lack of clarity (9)
19 Amis's Lucky, Conrad's Lord (3)
20 Wealthy (7)
21 Of birds (5)
22 Fishpond; cooked dish (4)
23 Headlong, in disorder (4-4)

DOWN

1 Water-main outlet (7)
2 Ravine with torrent (5)
3 Anna Sewell horse story (5,6)
4 (Eg doctor) available if needed (2,4)
6 Opposing (7)
7 Like flame; easily aroused (5)
10 Unmistakable summons (7,4)
14 Act of contrition (7)
16 Original and important (7)
17 Start (fire) (6)
18 Albert –, 20C French writer (5)
19 Fruit liquid (5)

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United give themselves outside chance for title

By Peter Ball

MANCHESTER United's win against at Coventry City at Highfield Road on Monday night has persuaded the bookmakers to recast their odds for a title race that had looked over. If United beat Sheffield Wednesday at Old Trafford on Sunday, Blackburn Rovers's lead at the top of the FA Carling Premiership, eight points at 48 hours ago, will be reduced to just two.

Yet, with only two games remaining, the run-in still leaves Blackburn as favourites. "We can no longer win the championship, Blackburn can only lose it," Alex Ferguson said after his team's 0-0 draw with Chelsea in their last match at Old Trafford — and that remains true today.

Blackburn have been making some fist of losing it in recent weeks and they look capable of finishing second in what was a one-horse race. They have won only once in their past four games.

However, although on paper Blackburn have the more formidable opposition in Newcastle United and Liverpool, it may not turn out that way. Newcastle, who visit Ewood Park on Monday, may still need the points to qualify for Europe, but they have been playing poorly in recent weeks and their small side is ill-equipped to counter Blackburn's physical approach. With their European qualification guaranteed, Liverpool will have little to play for the next Sunday. Blackburn need only to win their two matches.

TOP OF TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn	40	26	8	6	78	37	86
Man Utd	39	24	9	6	73	26	81
Nottm Forest	40	21	10	9	68	41	73

TO PLAY: Blackburn Rovers: May 8: Newcastle United (h) 14: Liverpool (a). Manchester United: May 7: Sheffield Wednesday (h). 10: Southampton (h) 14: West Ham United (a).

The crucial question for United is whether Andy Cole's brilliant display at Coventry fully marked the return to glory of the most lethal predator in English football. Three of United's past four games at Old Trafford have ended goalless as the most fluent attacking side in English football began to stutter.

Cole, looking short of conviction for all his five goals against Ipswich Town, could not provide the key. At Coventry, he blossomed: if he is once again the player he was up to October last year, then United's chances of putting pressure on Blackburn by winning their games against Sheffield Wednesday and Southampton will be dramatically enhanced.

Sheffield Wednesday arrive at Old Trafford on Sunday with an outside threat of relegation still hanging over them, an incentive which adds a desperate edge to a team. Southampton are virtually safe and that should be the most straightforward of United's games.

The hardest, however, may come last. If West Ham United are still in danger of relegation, United will face the same frantic afternoon that proved too much for Blackburn on Sunday. With Cantona, Keane and Kanchelskis in vibrant form, they might have coped competently enough. As it is, the smart money remains on Blackburn.

Parma and Juventus begin private battle

TO THE casual onlooker, the Uefa Cup has become as Italian as pasta and chianti. When Juventus take on Parma in the first leg of the final tonight, they will embark on the third all-Italian Uefa Cup final in six years and complete a run of seven seasons in which at least one Italian team has reached the final. Yet, for once, the Cup is of almost secondary importance.

This season, it has become part of a greater head-to-head between Juvé and Parma. They are disputing the Italian league title and meet in that competition on May 21, they begin hostilities in the Uefa Cup this evening and have the two-legged Italian Cup final to come on June 7 and 11. Five matches in six weeks for three trophies. Heady stuff.

Tonight should favour Parma, just. Almost the entire Juventus defence is unavailable through suspension (Torricelli and Ferrara) or injury (Kohler and Peruzzi, the goalkeeper) and neither Carrera or Porrini, who should play, will be fully fit. In contrast, Faustino Asprilla and Gianfranco Zola, the Parma strikers, are in breathtaking form. A first-leg lead tonight will be a significant psychological edge for the matches to come.

Wasps keep faith with powerful runners

By David Hands
Rugby correspondent

WASPS will keep faith with their highly mobile style in the Pilkington Cup final at Twickenham on Saturday, judging by their selection yesterday to meet Bath, the holders. They have preferred their powerful runners in the back division — Phil Hopley and Nick Greenstock — to the more delicate skills of Shane Roiser and have given Darren Malloy, the promising young prop, the loose-head berth.

While they are without Nick Popplewell, required by Ireland in Italy, consideration was given to Gary Holmes — who played in the 1986 final against Bath — but he has to be content with a place on the bench ahead of Jeff Probyn, the England prop. Matt Greenwood retains his place at lock in the same XV that beat Orrell 53-25 in the final league match of the season.

Both Rob Andrew and Damian Hopley, their England World Cup squad members, take the field for Wasps. Andrew, along with Steve Bates, his regular partner at scrum half, is the only survivor from the side that lost to Bath in 1987.

Perhaps the unluckiest player is Chris Wilkins, the back-row forward, who may not be fit to resume until midway through next season. Wasps are fortunate to have Mike White on call, his form at open-side flanker having been outstanding of late.

WASPS: J Ufton, P Hopley, D Hopley, G Childs, N Greenstock; R Andrew, S Bates; D Maloy, K Dunn, I Dunston, L Dallaglio, M Greenwood, N Hadley, M White, D Ryan. Replacements: S Pilgrim, G Gregory, A Gomarsall, R Kinsey, G Holmes, P Delaney

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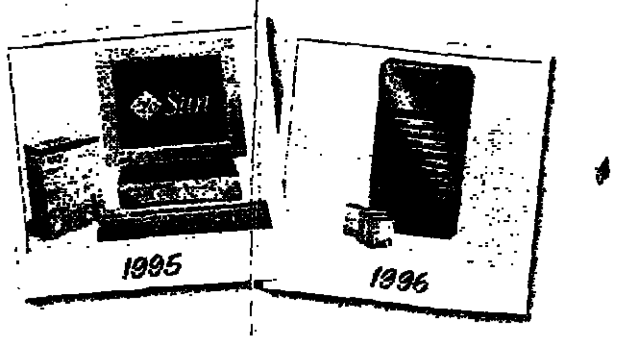

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